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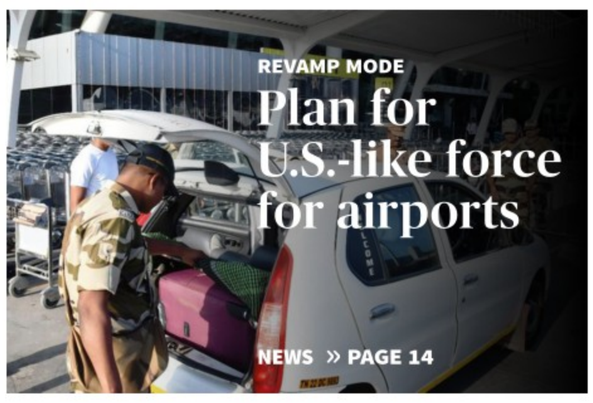

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HC wants three more special courts in State

BENGALURU
The High Court of Karnataka has recommended to the State government to establish three more special courts to try the criminal cases under UAP Act. » Page 5

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Delhi Police register two FIRs in wrestlers' case

This follows Solicitor-General's assurance in SC; counsel flags security concerns of complainants; Bench directs police to file an affidavit by May 5, detailing the steps taken to protect petitioners

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police informed the Supreme Court on Friday that it will register a First Information Report (FIR) on the basis of sexual harassment allegations raised by women wrestlers, including a minor girl, against BJP MP and former Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

"It [FIR] will be registered today," Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the police, told a Bench of Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud and P.S. Narasimha.

Later, DCP (New Delhi) Pranav Tayal said: "In the matter of complaints... two FIRs have been registered at the Connaught police station."

Solidarity show: AAP leaders and Ministers Atishi Marlena and Saurabh Bhardwaj with wrestlers Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Friday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the wrestlers, however said they were still worried for their lives. "We are worried on two counts. About our security and safety. We want a special task force (STF). He [Mr. Bhushan] has 40 cases against him, including that of Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code," Mr. Sibal said.

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Wrestlers seek Bhushan's arrest

The wrestlers said they would continue their protest till the former WFI chief is arrested. "We thank the Supreme Court for its directions, this is the first step towards victory for us but it does not mark the end of our protest," wrestler Sakshi Malik said. » PAGE 18

Political parties extend support

Political support for the protest by wrestlers increased on Friday, with several Opposition parties, including the Trinamool Congress, the Aam Aadmi Party and the Rashtriya Lok Dal, expressing solidarity with them. » PAGE 13

We should fix accountability on supporters of terrorism, Rajnath tells SCO members

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Calling upon Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states to root out terrorism collectively and fix accountability on its supporters, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said any kind of terrorist act or support to it is a major crime against humanity.

"Peace and prosperity cannot coexist with this menace," Mr. Singh added while chairing the Defence Ministers' meeting which India is hosting for the first time since it became a full SCO member in 2017.

Joint fight: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with his Russian counterpart Sergei Shoigu in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

Talks with China

Separately, in a statement on bilateral talks between Chinese Defence Minister Li Shangfu and Mr. Singh on Thursday, China said the two countries share far "more common interests than differences" and the two sides should take a "long-term view, place the border issue in an appropriate position in bilateral relations, and promote the transition of the border situation to normalized management".

"If a nation shelters terrorists, it not only poses a threat to others, but for itself too. Radicalisation of youth is a cause of concern not only from the point of view of security, but it is also a major obstacle in the path of socio-economic progress of society. If we want to make the SCO a stronger and more credible international organisation, our topmost priority should be to effectively deal with terrorism," Mr. Singh said.

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Valley beckons

Time to chill: Tourists enjoying fresh snowfall at Chandanwari at Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Friday. While it snowed in the higher reaches of the Valley, rain lashed Srinagar. NISSAR AHMAD

Core sectors' output dipped to 5-month low of 3.6% in March

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Growth in India's eight core sectors' output fell to a five-month low of 3.6% in March, from 7.2% in February, with electricity and cement production slipping from a year ago, and crude oil output falling for the tenth successive month.

Coal production jumped 12.2% in March, while fertilizers and steel output grew 9.7% and 8.8% respectively – relatively slower than recent months – as per data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry on Friday.

For the full financial year 2022-23, core sectors saw a 7.6% growth compared to 10.4% in 2021-22, with all sectors reporting higher production except crude oil, which shrank 1.7% during the year.

In March, growth in natural gas production was down to 2.8%, the lowest in three months. Refinery products grew at a four-month low pace of 1.5%. Cement output contracted 0.8% in March, breaking the growth streak in the last four months. Electricity generation dropped for the first time in a year, shrinking 1.8% in March.

However, absolute output levels in both these sectors were significantly higher than February – with the cement production index at its highest point since April 2022 and electricity output at its highest since September 2022. "Output of some of the sectors like electricity and cement is likely to have been dampened by the unseasonal rainfall in March," reckoned Aditi Nayar, chief economist at rating firm ICRA.

With most available high frequency indicators weakening in March 2023 on a year-on-year basis, relative to February 2023, Ms. Nayar expects growth in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) to slow to around 3% to 4% in the month from 5.6% in February. The eight core sectors constitute a little over 40% of the IIP.

Weaker core

Government data showed that the output of eight infrastructure sectors saw a growth of only 3.6% in March 2023, the lowest in the past five months

India airlifts 754 citizens from Sudan

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India on Friday airlifted 754 of its citizens from Sudan. While 362 passengers reached Bengaluru, the rest arrived here on board a C-17 heavy-lift aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan said returnees included several members of the Hakki Pikki tribe of Karnataka. Mr. Muraleedharan said on Friday that the 11th batch of 135 stranded Indians were flown into the Saudi city from Port Sudan by a C-130J of the IAF.

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Now, Yatnal calls Sonia 'Visha kanya'

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

A day after Congress president M. Mallikarjun Kharge's remark likening Prime Minister Narendra Modi to a "poisonous snake" raised a storm, BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil R. Yatnal described former Congress president Sonia Gandhi as a "*Visha kanya*" (venomous woman).

Addressing a rally at Yelburga in Koppal district on Friday, he went on to call Ms. Gandhi "agent of China and Pakistan". The Congress has sought action against Mr. Yatnal.

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Around the world with a titanium spine: Abhilash Tomy's incredible maritime quest

The former naval officer chased history on the high seas in the Golden Globe Race – five years after suffering a life-threatening, potentially paralysing accident in the same event

Uthra Ganesan

Sometime later today, April 29, 2023, former Naval Commander Abhilash Tomy will finally set foot on land, 236 days after setting sail in pursuit of history, in what is considered the toughest, most dangerous and, by many accounts, craziest of endeavours – the Golden Globe Race (GGR).

A maritime race so challenging that, in its previous edition in 2018, only five of the 18 entrants could finish. This time around, only two have managed to do so, with a third en route – 16 had set off in an attempt to circumnavigate the world solo, non-stop, on boats as they existed back in 1968 and with none of the modern cutting-edge technology. And even though Abhilash will finish second – South African Kirsten Neuschafer, race leader for the longest time, arrived at the port of Les Sables-d'Olonne, France, in the early hours of Friday – his journey through the deep seas is nothing less than a miracle.

Why 1968? Because that is the year the original race started. Sir Robin Knox-Johnston won it, becoming the first person to achieve a single-handed non-stop circumnavigation, in 1969.

To attempt such a feat after coming back from a life-threatening, potentially paralysing accident five years ago in the same event is a measure of Abhilash's strength and resilience. To put things in perspective: around 6,000 people have summited Mount Everest; 600 have gone into space but only 180 have ever managed a solo, non-stop circumnavigation – and Abhilash is the only Indian.

"Once he decides, it is final. The decision to participate this time around despite what happened in the previous edition was also very thorough and thought out. Being with Abhilash means knowing when to let go," his wife Urmimala Nag says. That hasn't stopped her from relentlessly keeping track of the race – and Abhilash aboard the Bayanat – over the last seven months. And while she has been patient enough all through, it is now a restless wait for her and their two sons as the finish line approaches.

> When I crossed that point where I had the accident, I felt light and that was a very physical experience. I felt something leave me
>
> ABHILASH TOMY

The beginnings

In 2013, Abhilash became the first Indian to solo circumnavigate non-stop under the Indian Navy's Sagar Parikrama 2 project. But the dream of having an Indian sail around the world, on the high seas, goes back to the 1990s, and one man who made it his life mission – Vice-Admiral (retd.) Manohar Awati, who kept writing to naval chiefs and corporate biggies, complete with a plan and a budget. It took Admiral Arun Prakash, in 2006, to finally acknowledge and agree to the project, named Sagar Parikrama.

Captain Dilip Donde put his hand up to undertake the journey, training and overseeing the boat's building in Goa for the next three years before successfully completing the circumnavigation in 2009-2010 with four stops. Abhilash was one of the shorehands to assist him and Donde took him under his wing for INSV Mhadei's next adventure in 2013.

"I was very much involved in his training back then but by the end of Sagar Parikrama 2, he had enough experience. Abhilash today is the most experienced solo sailor in the country. As a person he is very focused and driven on the goals he sets out for himself. I would say he has learnt his lessons well from the last race and the results are for everyone to see," Donde told *The Hindu*.

Abhilash has come a long way after the agonising events of September 2018, when it needed 70 hours of a multinational rescue mission in the middle of nowhere to save his life.

In his own words: "After 82 days we were lying in third position when the storm overtook us. My boat was dismasted and destroyed, and I suffered a huge fall which left me with multiple spine fractures. And with pretty functionless legs. The remoteness? Couldn't have been worse. The Antarctic was the nearest continent. We were exactly between Australia and South Africa, and south of India...[On the 18th day after the accident] Titanium rods were inserted in my spine and 5 vertebrae were fused into one...I had to learn to walk again... three and a half years later, I am heading back into the same race that almost got me killed."

The struggle

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is real; and for Abhilash, the first three months of GGR 2022 were uncertain. The November 9 update on the official race website says, "His latest tweet suggests he is battling with the mind games of watching the leaders sail away and the others catching up."

On December 5, he crossed the 77th longitude of Ile Amsterdam. "We have exorcised our devils. The boat by rounding Cape of Good Hope and I by passing Cape Comorin at this latitude," he posted. This was where his race ended in 2018.

The change in mindset was accompanied by a change in fortunes. "When I crossed that point where I had the accident, I felt light and that was a very physical experience. I felt something leave me," he was quoted as saying in the race update. He started talking more and even wished Urmimala on their anniversary recently. "It is romantic! Precious few words that one has to hold on to in this age of excesses," she declared.

He has had his share of struggles – lack of funding before UAE-based Bayanat came in; broken wind vanes that forced him to cut up the boat's chart table and toilet door to make spares; losing the starboard runner; a fall that led to back pain and numb limbs, forcing him to go slow and rest with painkillers. "The biggest challenge is to repair equipment malfunctions. A sailor has to make do with whatever tools and spares s/he has on board," Capt. Donde explained.

As the French port of destination looms closer with every nautical mile passed, the significance of Abhilash's achievements is not lost on anyone. "It will be a great achievement and a proud moment for all of us. I hope the next generation of Indian sailors follows in his footsteps and we have more people going into the open sea for recreation and sport," Donde said.

Urmimala sums it up thus: "It will mean everything. A closure, a personal triumph, a new paradigm for the next generation."

And while Kirsten has sailed into the record books on her own, becoming the first woman to win the GGR, Abhilash's successful voyage has written a new chapter in the annals of India's maritime glories.

The Golden Globe Race explained

- **What it is:** A solo, non-stop race around the world, using technology as it existed in 1968, to commemorate the original circumnavigation. The sailors cannot seek help for repairs or support. It was held in 2018-19 for the first time since 1968-69. The 2022 race began on September 4 in Les Sables-d'Olonne, France.
- **Specific conditions to be met:** At least 21,600 nautical miles – the earth's circumference, approximately 40,000km – must be covered; every meridian must be crossed at least once and the Equator twice; the race must end at the same port where it started; the three great capes – Cape Leeuwin, Cape Horn and Cape of Good Hope – must be rounded.
- **What's allowed:** A standalone satellite tracking system only for updates (unavailable for sailors); a two-way satellite short text paging unit (to race headquarters only); two handheld satellite phones for up to four short messages per day; a sealed box with two portable GPS chart plotters (for emergencies) – however, once the GPS is used, the participant will be deemed retired; film cameras, cassette tapes, sextants, wind-up clocks, trailing logs, wind vanes, typewriters.
- **What's not:** GPS, chart plotters, electronic wind instruments, electric autopilots, electronic logs, satellite phones, digital cameras, computers, cd players, pocket calculators, electronic clocks and watches, Kevlar and anything else that was not in use in 1968!

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	35	7,135	16
2	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,770	17
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	5,240	24
4	Casper Ruud	24	5,210	25
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,195	21
6	Andrey Rublev	25	4,280	25
7	Holger Rune	19	4,070	26
8	Jannik Sinner	21	3,615	21
9	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,405	24
10	Taylor Fritz	25	3,290	23
11	Frances Tiafoe	25	2,870	23
12	Karen Khachanov	26	2,855	23
13	Cameron Norrie	27	2,725	23
14	Rafael Nadal	36	2,715	14
15	Hubert Hurkacz	26	2,660	23

Top Indians ▸

Sumit Nagal
Rank 347 ▲ 19 spots

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 381 ▼ 1 spot

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	8,975	17
2	Aryna Sabalenka	24	6,891	18
3	Jessica Pegula	29	5,735	17
4	Ons Jabeur	28	5,116	16
5	Caroline Garcia	29	5,030	24
6	Coco Gauff	19	4,400	18
7	Elena Rybakina	23	4,305	21
8	Daria Kasatkina	25	3,505	25
9	Maria Sakkari	27	3,191	23
10	Petra Kvitova	33	3,162	16
11	Belinda Bencic	26	2,870	21
12	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,497	20
13	Veronika Kudermetova	26	2,280	22
14	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,276	25
15	Karolina Pliskova	31	2,255	23

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 224 ▼ 3 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 278 ▼ 3 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	33	23	6	4	78	38	40	75
2	Man. City	31	23	4	4	82	29	53	73
3	Newcastle	32	17	11	4	58	26	32	62
4	Man. United	31	18	6	7	48	39	9	60
5	Tottenham	33	16	6	11	60	53	7	54
6	Aston Villa	33	16	6	11	46	41	5	54
7	Liverpool	32	15	8	9	61	39	22	53
8	Brighton	30	14	7	9	55	40	15	49
9	Brentford	33	11	14	8	50	43	7	47
10	Fulham	32	13	6	13	44	43	1	45
11	Chelsea	32	10	9	13	30	35	-5	39
12	Palace	33	9	10	14	31	42	-11	37
13	Wolves	33	10	7	16	29	44	-15	37
14	Bournemouth	33	10	6	17	32	63	-31	36
15	West Ham	32	9	7	16	34	43	-9	34
16	Leeds United	33	7	9	17	42	63	-21	30
17	Nott. Forest	33	7	9	17	29	60	-31	30
18	Leicester City	33	8	5	20	44	57	-13	29
19	Everton	33	6	10	17	25	50	-25	28
20	Southampton	33	6	6	21	27	57	-30	24

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	31	24	4	3	55	11	44	76
2	Real Madrid	31	20	5	6	65	28	37	65
3	Atletico Madrid	31	19	6	6	50	23	27	63
4	Real Sociedad	31	16	7	8	39	29	10	55
5	Villarreal	31	15	5	11	43	32	11	50
6	Real Betis	31	14	7	10	39	33	6	49
7	Athletic Bilbao	31	13	7	11	42	31	11	46
8	Osasuna	31	12	8	11	29	32	-3	44
9	Rayo Vallecano	31	11	10	10	38	37	1	43
10	Girona	31	11	8	12	48	45	3	41
11	Sevilla	31	11	8	12	38	45	-7	41
12	Real Mallorca	31	11	7	13	30	34	-4	40
13	Celta Vigo	31	10	9	12	37	42	-5	39
14	Real Valladolid	31	10	5	16	27	50	-23	35
15	Almeria	31	9	6	16	38	53	-15	33
16	Valencia	31	9	6	16	34	37	-3	33
17	Cadiz	31	7	11	13	23	43	-20	32
18	Getafe	31	7	10	14	29	41	-12	31
19	Espanyol	31	6	10	15	37	53	-16	28
20	Elche	31	2	7	22	20	62	-42	13

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	31	25	3	3	67	21	46	78
2	Lazio	31	18	7	6	49	21	28	61
3	Juventus	31	18	5	8	47	26	21	59
4	AC Milan	31	16	8	7	51	37	14	56
5	Roma	31	17	5	9	43	29	14	56
6	Inter Milan	31	17	3	11	51	34	17	54
7	Atalanta	31	15	7	9	51	36	15	52
8	Bologna	31	12	8	11	40	39	1	44
9	Udinese	31	10	12	9	42	39	3	42
10	Fiorentina	31	11	9	11	37	36	1	42
11	Torino	31	11	9	11	32	36	-4	42
12	Monza	31	11	8	12	38	43	-5	41
13	Sassuolo	31	11	7	13	38	46	-8	40
14	Salernitana	31	7	12	12	37	50	-13	33
15	Empoli	31	7	11	13	25	40	-15	32
16	Lecce	31	6	10	15	26	38	-12	28
17	Spezia	31	5	12	14	26	49	-23	27
18	Verona	31	6	8	17	26	44	-18	26
19	Cremonese	31	3	10	18	27	57	-30	19
20	Sampdoria	31	3	8	20	20	52	-32	17

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Dortmund	29	19	3	7	66	39	27	60
2	Bayern	29	17	8	4	79	33	46	59
3	Union Berlin	29	16	7	6	44	31	13	55
4	SC Freiburg	29	15	8	6	45	37	8	53
5	RB Leipzig	29	15	6	8	53	37	16	51
6	Leverkusen	29	14	5	10	53	41	12	47
7	Mainz	29	12	9	8	49	40	9	45
8	Wolfsburg	29	11	10	8	51	37	14	43
9	Eint. Frankfurt	29	11	9	9	49	45	4	42
10	M'gladbach	29	9	9	11	43	46	-3	36
11	Cologne	29	8	11	10	40	47	-7	35
12	Bremen	29	10	5	14	47	56	-9	35
13	FC Augsburg	29	8	6	15	38	54	-16	30
14	Hoffenheim	29	8	5	16	39	50	-11	29
15	Bochum	29	8	3	18	32	66	-34	27
16	Stuttgart	29	5	10	14	36	51	-15	25
17	Schalke	29	5	9	15	26	56	-30	24
18	Hertha Berlin	29	5	7	17	35	59	-24	22

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Marnus Labuschagne	915	937
2	Kane Williamson	883	919
3	Steve Smith	872	947
4	Joe Root	871	923
5	Babar Azam	862	882
6	Travis Head	853	853
7	Usman Khawaja	815	815
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	783	783
10	Rishabh Pant	766	801

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	869	904
2	James Anderson	859	903
3	Pat Cummins	841	914
4	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
5	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
6	Ollie Robinson	785	820
7	Jasprit Bumrah	780	835
8	Nathan Lyon	757	774
9	Ravindra Jadeja	753	899
10	Kyle Jamieson	742	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	887	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	777	796
3	Imam-ul-Haq	740	815
4	Shubman Gill	738	738
5	David Warner	726	880
6	Virat Kohli	719	911
7	Quinton de Kock	718	813
7	Rohit Sharma	707	885
9	Steve Smith	702	752
10	Fakhar Zaman	699	779

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	733
2	Trent Boult	694	775
3	Mohammed Siraj	691	736
3	Mitchell Starc	686	783
5	Matt Henry	676	691
6	Rashid Khan	659	806
7	Adam Zampa	652	655
8	Shaheen Afridi	641	688
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	637	712
10	Shakib Al Hasan	636	717

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
4	Aiden Markram	748	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	724	724
6	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
7	Devon Conway	709	831
8	Dawid Malan	705	915
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Jos Buttler	670	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	816
2	Fazalhaq Farooqi	692	692
3	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
4	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
5	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
5	Adil Rashid	684	746
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Sam Curran	673	688
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	668	745
10	Anrich Nortje	667	695

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362 Indians evacuated from Sudan land in city

Among those from the State, a majority of them belong to Shivamogga, followed by Mysuru and the remaining are from Bengaluru, Hassan, Davangere, Kalaburagi, Ramanagara, and Udupi

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A total of 362 Indian nationals who were evacuated from Sudan landed at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) here on Friday.

As part of Operation Kaveri, 362 stranded Indians were flown in from Jeddah in Saudi Arabia where a transit camp has been set up by the Indian authorities.

"India welcomes back 362 Indians as another #OperationKaveri flight touches down in Bengaluru," External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar tweeted.

The Indian nationals, which included 241 men, 107 women, 12 children, and two infants, arrived in Bengaluru on a Saudia flight. Of them, 114 passengers are from Karnataka, 33 from Andhra Pradesh, 34 from Tamil Nadu, 22 from Telangana, 30 from Maharashtra, 37 from Kerala, and the remaining from other States.

Some of the Indian nationals evacuated from Sudan who landed at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

Among those from the State, a majority of them belong to Shivamogga (50), followed by Mysuru (45) and the remaining are from Bengaluru, Hassan, Davangere, Kalaburagi, Ramanagara, and Udupi.

Manoj Rajan, Commissioner for Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority, said that upon arrival, the passengers were given basic medical treatment and triaging was carried out on them. He added that food and refreshments were also provided and the passengers boarded KSRTC buses to reach their residences.

IndiGo said it would operate chartered evacuation flights as part of Operation Kaveri on April 28 and 30 from Jeddah to Delhi and Bengaluru, respectively.

"The airline will be operating two flights, bringing over 450 Indian citizens back to their homeland over the weekend. The airline is operating these flights with A321 aircraft. IndiGo is closely liaising with the government to offer support for more such evacuation flights. IndiGo remains committed to supporting the Government of India in its mission to evacuate Indian citizens from the crisis in Sudan," IndiGo said.

SWR starts work on restoring Nandi Halt Railway Station

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South Western Railway (SWR) has started the restoration of Nandi Halt station. The Bengaluru Division has roped in Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage (INTACH) for the work.

The INTACH has already restored three heritage stations on the Yelahanka-Chickballapur-Kolar railway line built during British rule. The line was made operational in 1915. Four heritage stations are located at Doddajala, Devanahalli, Avatihalli, and Nandi Halt.

INTACH has restored Doddajala, Devanahalli, and Avatihalli stations using CSR funding from Mineral Enterprises Ltd.

Kusuma Hariprasad, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Admin), Bengaluru Division, said, "The restoration works will be completed in four to five months. For the benefit of the people visiting the station, a historical interpretation centre will be opened. Visitors going to the halt station in the future will get to know more about those who ruled the region, information about monuments and temples will be displayed with relevant pictures or paintings, and developing a rail network in the area and other relevant information will be provided."

The Nandi Halt Railway Station building. The Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage has been roped in for the work.

She said that Nandi Halt station is more spacious than the other three stations that have been already restored. This station is located close to Nandi Hills, one of the favourite tourist spots for Bengalureans.

Railway Museum

The official added that in addition to restoration works, the SWR has taken up the project of building a Railway Museum near the halt station.

"Works related to the construction of the museum building and road networks are in progress. Old locos, wagons, signalling systems, and others related to the Indian Railway will be exhibited. There will be an audio-visual room where videos related to the growth of the Railways will be displayed," the official said.

Bengaluru-Munich flight service to start in November

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The launch of the service was stalled due to COVID-19 outbreak in 2020

With Lufthansa announcing that it will start flight service between Bengaluru and Munich from November 3, two of the three international routes from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) which were disrupted due to COVID-19 outbreak in 2020 are back on track.

In 2019-20, it was announced with much fanfare that Bengaluru would be connected to three new destinations – Munich, Tokyo, and Seattle.

While the Bengaluru-Tokyo and the Bengaluru-Munich routes were supposed to have their inaugural flights on March 29 and March 31, 2020, respectively, the Bengaluru-Seattle route was scheduled to commence from October 2020.

However, with the COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent ban imposed by the government, flight services on these routes were stalled.

Japan Airlines, which was scheduled to handle flights on the Bengaluru-Tokyo route, following the restrictions only operated special flights and later under the Air Bubble arrangement, the airline operated regular flights once a week from March 2021.

But from August 2022, it increased the flight frequency to three times a week.

Meanwhile, Lufthansa will be operating three times a week starting November 3.

"The new destination from Munich is Bengaluru, which, in addition to Delhi and Bombay, will be served by an Airbus A350. LH764 departs Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 12.10 p.m. to the southern Indian metropolis. Lufthansa guests will be able to enjoy one of the Lufthansa Group's most modern and economical long-haul aircraft, the Airbus A350-900," Lufthansa said in a statement.

Service to Seattle

While Bengaluru-Tokyo and the Bengaluru-Munich routes are on track, the Bengaluru-Seattle route, which was to be operated by American Airlines, has been delayed.

When announced in early 2020 that it would be connecting the two cities daily, it was the first non-stop flight between Bengaluru and the United States and also touted to meet corporate customers' demand for travel to Seattle and adjoining areas in the U.S.

However, in January 2021, Air India became the first operator to offer direct non-stop flight between Bengaluru and the United States as it started direct flights from between San Francisco and Bengaluru.

Flight service to Seattle has been delayed due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine as U.S. carriers have stopped flying over Russian airspace.

History-sheeter held, 50 kg ganja seized

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The D.J. Halli police have arrested history-sheeter Irfan, 32, and recovered 50 kg of ganja from him.

Irfan had earlier been arrested for selling MDMA crystals and he had come out on bail. However, he had returned to peddling drugs since then. The police got a tip-off that he was procuring ganja from Hoskote area and raided him when he was carrying 50 kg of ganja in an autorickshaw.

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‘Foden, Saka the best I’ve worked with; Chhetri plays like a young man’

Aidy Boothroyd has been involved in fairytales as a manager, at Watford and with England’s youth teams. He has now thrown himself into an Indian adventure, taking the reins at Jamshedpur FC. Sharing an office with Gareth Southgate, having the life frightened out of him by Alex Ferguson and training young Indian talent – Boothroyd talks about a fascinating career

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INTERVIEW

Aidy Boothroyd

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Aidy Boothroyd coached a golden generation of young English footballers. He was the manager of England’s youth teams for seven years, working with future stars such as Bukayo Saka and Phil Foden. At the youth programme, he shared an office with England manager Gareth Southgate. Before that, Boothroyd authored a remarkable turnaround story to take Watford to the Premier League from the brink of relegation in the Championship. He is now the coach of Jamshedpur FC, which reached the semifinals of the Super Cup in Kozhikode recently. Excerpts from an interview with *The Hindu*:

What drew you to India?

I absolutely love India. The whole point of me coming out here was an adventure. You know, I have thrown myself into it. My wife has moved over with me. I wanted to witness football on a different continent. I have played in and managed in all four leagues in England. I also did international work with England and I absolutely loved it.

It was a fairly long spell, too, with the England youth sides...

Yes, seven years. It is a long time for a football manager. Some managers don’t survive seven months or seven days.

How do you look back at those days?

> Sir Alex [Ferguson] was a big influence on me. So was Jose Mourinho. Gareth [Southgate] would be right up there with them

I enjoyed it very much. When we first started we knew we had a lot of work to do because England wasn’t anywhere on the map we wanted to get to – the last stages of the World Cup finals and the European championships. We managed to do that by starting with a really young team, by looking at the Spanish and the German kids and what they did to get through to the team. We became probably the strongest European power from Under-17 to Under-21. We had an unprecedented period of success.

Some big stars have emerged from those squads.

Phil Foden will probably be the best player I’ve worked with. I could say [Bukayo] Saka, too. When I stopped and reflected, I found there were 27 players in that seven years that had come and got full caps for England.

How was it working with Gareth Southgate?

I loved sharing the office with Gareth for five years. My job as the Under-21 coach was to produce players for Gareth to put in the first team. That weakened the Under-21 team. But that’s the job: to produce players, just like in any club. The youth-team coach’s job is to get players through to the first. I consider Gareth as a friend rather than a colleague. He is genuine. And I am not surprised by the success he has had because of the humility of the man, and the way he leads. He is a good guy. And he’s great with you guys in the media.

Apart from Southgate, which other managers have you looked up to?

Definitely Sir Alex Ferguson. Well, he used to frighten the life out of me most of the time, whenever I phone him up for a favour, because we had Chris Eagles and Ben Foster on loan [from Manchester United, when I was at Watford]. So every month I’d phone him up and tell him about how his players had done. So Sir Alex was a big influence on me. So was Jose Mourinho. Gareth would be right up there with them. They are probably the top three.

Talking of your stint at Watford, taking the club to the Premier League in 2006-07, after a gap of six years, must have been special for you.

We went from just avoiding relegation to qualifying for the Premier League through the playoffs in pretty much a year’s time. There was a bit of surgery needed. The management supported me completely. I had a good group of senior players. In that winning environment, we had development too, not just for the players, but for the staff and the people. When I look back on that, I think that was probably the most powerful thing that we did. We created leaders, we won games and we sold players and made money.

Your thoughts on Indian football?

India has got some really good players. You can see the levels getting better and better, from some of the things I have seen in the past to where it is now. Looking at people like Ritwik Das, who has got his cap now. What a talent he is. It could only take two or three Indian players to break into other leagues.

Besides Ritwik, who are the other Indians that have impressed you?

You cannot but be impressed by Sunil Chhetri, though he is not a young player. But he plays like one. And I am impressed with Sandesh Jhingan, too. I think the foreign influence in the ISL is a good thing. It allows the Indian federation, coaches and clubs to have a little look at what is happening overseas. Somebody once told me, if you want to be a good coach, you have got to be a good thief. So you have to take other people’s ideas, which I think the Indians have done really well. I know there is a fashion for Spanish or Portuguese coaches, but it is nice to see that a few English coaches are here.

English seems to have been the flavour of the ISL season as far as the coaches are concerned. There is, of course, a tremendous following for the Premier League in India.

I was in the league as a 34-year-old; that seems a long time ago now. It was a great learning experience for me. I learned so much in a short space of time, from the best managers in the world – Mourinho, Sir Alex, Rafael Benitez... All these guys that were top managers and competing against them as a young man, it certainly helped me to grow into the coach that I am today.

There are no easy games in the Premier League. Generally in a league, you get the ones that are up there and then there is a discrepancy to the qualities of the next teams. In the Premier League, anybody can beat anybody on the day. I remember looking around during the game against Chelsea one day looking at their bench to make a change. And they had [Andriy] Shevchenko on the bench, who was worth more than my whole entire club. You have to live with that, and you have to find a way to win.

GAME THEORY

Kiptum hot on Kipchoge’s heels

Kelvin Kiptum won the London Marathon on Sunday, recording the second fastest time in history over the distance. The 23-year-old Kenyan runner missed out on Eliud Kipchoge’s world record by 16 seconds. With Kiptum showing that he can threaten his compatriot’s dominance, it is a good time to look at the fastest marathons ever run:

Time	Athlete	Venue	Date
2:01:09	Eliud Kipchoge	Berlin	25 Sep 2022
2:01:25	Kelvin Kiptum	London	23 Apr 2023
2:01:39	Eliud Kipchoge	Berlin	16 Sep 2018
2:01:41	Kenenisa Bekele	Berlin	29 Sep 2019
2:01:53	Kelvin Kiptum	Valencia	04 Dec 2022
2:02:37	Eliud Kipchoge	London	28 Apr 2019
2:02:40	Eliud Kipchoge	Tokyo	06 Mar 2022
2:02:48	Birhanu Legese	Berlin	29 Sep 2019
2:02:55	Mosinet Geremew	London	28 Apr 2019
2:02:57	Dennis Kimetto	Berlin	28 Sep 2014
2:02:57	Titus Ekiru	Milan	16 May 2021
2:03:00	Evans Chebet	Valencia	06 Dec 2020
2:03:00	Gabriel Gerald Geay	Valencia	04 Dec 2022
2:03:03	Kenenisa Bekele	Berlin	25 Sep 2016
2:03:04	Lawrence Cherono	Valencia	06 Dec 2020
2:03:05	Eliud Kipchoge	London	24 Apr 2016
2:03:13	Emmanuel Mutai	Berlin	28 Sep 2014
2:03:13	Wilson Kipsang Kiprotich	Berlin	25 Sep 2016
2:03:13	Amos Kipruto	Tokyo	06 Mar 2022
2:03:16	Mule Wasihun	London	28 Apr 2019
2:03:16	Birhanu Legese	Valencia	06 Dec 2020

SOURCE: WORLD ATHLETICS

Eliud Kipchoge

Kelvin Kiptum

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Lean machines

MotoGP world champion Francesco Bagnaia and Alex Rins race around Austin’s COTA track in the Grand Prix of the Americas earlier this month.

It didn’t end well for Bagnaia, who was left baffled and angry after crashing out of the race while leading from pole position.

It continued a run of wretched luck for the Italian, who has now crashed out of his last two full distance races. He will be eyeing a return to form at this weekend’s Spanish GP.

Before crashing, Bagnaia, who won both the sprint and the main race in the opening round in Portugal, was poised to retake the championship lead from compatriot Marco Bezzecchi. Bagnaia had won the Saturday sprint and smashed the circuit lap record to take pole in Texas, but the weekend was to turn sour for him.

Rins won the crash-hit GP, a first for the LCR Honda team since 2018. Luca Marini, MotoGP great Valentino Rossi’s half-brother, was second and 2021 world champion Fabio Quartararo completed the podium.

It’s still early days, however. The season is only three rounds old, with 18 rounds to go.

BU orders UVCE students to vacate Jnana Bharathi campus hostels by May 1

This is despite the Higher Education Department extending the *status quo* of financial and administrative powers of the UVCE with Bangalore University till March 31, 2024

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A file photo of Bangalore University. Though the State government made the UVCE autonomous in March 2022, civil and other engineering branches continued on the Jnana Bharathi campus.

Despite the extension of the *status quo* to maintain academic and administrative arrangements between the University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) and Bangalore University for the next one year, conflict continues. In a fresh development, Bangalore University issued a unilateral order and asked the students of the UVCE residing in three hostels on its Jnana Bharathi campus to vacate by May 1.

The Director of the Directorate of Student's Welfare of Bangalore University sent a notice to the hostels on April 27 stating, "The UVCE has become a completely independent university from the academic year 2023-24. No fund has been sanctioned by the government to the engineering students. Therefore, all the engineering students should vacate the hostels by May 1."

The UVCE was to be the first autonomous State university along the lines of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), but plans were derailed following a paucity of funds. However, after outrage from students and staff, the Higher Education Department extended the *status quo* of financial and administrative powers of the UVCE with Bangalore University till March 31, 2024.

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> **A STUDENT OF THE UVCE**

While the State government made the UVCE, affiliated to Bangalore University since 1964, autonomous in March 2022, civil and other engineering branches continued on the Jnana Bharathi campus and the university has provided hostel facility for engineering students on the same campus. There are around 150 engineering students staying in the three hostels. The latest order has put such students in trouble.

A student of the UVCE, said, "I have come from Raichur and have been staying in this hostel for two years. Now, all of a sudden, we have been asked to move out of the hostel by May 1. My parents are worried. We brought this issue to our principal's notice. But there was no proper response. Therefore, the Board of Governors (BoG) of the UVCE should immediately resolve this problem. Otherwise, all the hostel students will go on an indefinite fast from Monday."

A delegation of the All-India Democratic Students' Organisation and the UVCE Students' Struggle Committee met Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor on Friday and requested him to take a stand in favour of the students.

Jayakara S.M., Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University said, "The UVCE has become an independent university from the academic year 2023-24. However, the government has extended the status quo of the UVCE for one more academic year. According to this *status quo* order, the UVCE should reimburse the fund for us. But, there is no sign from the UVCE in this regard. The BoG of the UVCE has never discussed anything about financial assistance. We can't bare the hostel expenditure of engineering students. Therefore, we decided to get the hostels vacated."

INBRIEF

HDD to campaign in 40 constituencies till May 8

Janata Dal (Secular) national president and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda on Friday started the election campaign in Bengaluru, attracting a huge crowd at Devanahalli.

Earlier, he had campaigned for the party candidates in Sira and Madhugiri Assembly constituencies in Tumakuru district. He said that till May 8, he would be campaigning for the party candidates in about 40 constituencies, including some constituencies in North Karnataka.

'Janapranalike-2023' released ahead of elections

A compilation of people's expectations from the new government in all sectors by experts and activists was released on Friday.

Titled 'Janapranalike-2023', the compilation has been brought out by Kriya Madhyama. The compilation is about the policies that the new government needs to adopt and what people expect from the government in the field of agriculture, industries, employment, education, health, environment, and cultural sectors.

Noted writers and scholars Purushottam Bilimale and Banjagere Jayaprakash released the booklet and spoke on the relevance of such a compilation in the context of the elections.

Green cover and waterbodies shrink, concretisation on the rise in city

Several lakes in Bengaluru have been in a state of neglect, and the so-called rejuvenation of them has been moving at a snail's pace

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The BBMP allegedly dumped truckloads of soil in the middle of Hosakerehalli lake recently to lay a 25-foot-wide road. The work was stopped after protest by residents. K. MURALI KUMAR

Viral videos of a top corporate entrepreneur being evacuated along with his family members and pets on a tractor and luxury cars being submerged in a posh gated community due to a breach of the Halanayakanahalli lake in September last year following heavy rain sums up the state of affairs of the upkeep and maintenance of Bengaluru's waterbodies by civic authorities, led by the incumbent government and its predecessors.

Several lakes in the city have been in a state of neglect and the so-called rejuvenation of them has been moving at a snail's pace as the civic agencies responsible for their revival have not been able to meet the deadlines.

A classic example of this is the rejuvenation of the Bellandur and Varthur lakes. The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), which is the custodian of the two lakes, was to complete the rejuvenation work by May 2022, but this deadline has not been met.

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Similarly, the rejuvenation of the Kaggadasapura lake has been delayed. Desilting of the lake was taken up by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in February 2021. The rejuvenation package for the lake included improvements to the lakebed and wetland, and sewage diversion. When work commenced, a six-month deadline for the project was set by the local legislator. But this too has remained a distant dream as work is still in progress.

While this is the status of the lake rejuvenation programmes undertaken in recent years, the existing ones too have not been spared.

The recent case was that of the Hosakerehalli lake where the BBMP allegedly dumped truckloads of soil in the middle of the lake to lay a 25-foot-wide road. The construction work was started without the BBMP having sought approval from the Karnataka Tank and Conservation and Development Authority, raising questions about the intention of constructing the road.

Residents irked by this development protested, which led to stopping the construction of the road and the civic agency posting a notice that no permanent road will be constructed inside the lake.

"Orders with respect to protection of lakes came back in 2012 and subsequently, so many fantastic orders have come, but none of it has ever been implemented as there is no willpower and there is no interest. If they really want to make Bengaluru a water-secure region, the first thing they should have done is to secure these lakes, instead, they go on doing things that are completely violative of all orders," said Bhargavi Rao, senior fellow and trustee at Environment Support Group.

Loss of green cover

With regard to the issue of loss of green cover and concretisation, there seems to be no end to it. Over the years, several projects have been proposed for decongesting the city's perennial traffic woes, starting from the now-shelved steel flyover between Basaveshwara Circle and Hebbal to the recent plan for a flyover on Sankey Road.

These projects have been opposed by citizens, environmental activists as well as the Opposition parties.

When the steel flyover was proposed in 2016 by the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government, the Opposition parties – BJP and JD(S) opposed it. As per a study, around 2,244 trees would have been felled had the steel flyover been constructed.

The Sankey Road flyover proposed by the incumbent government too has been facing opposition from various residents' organisations as well as from some leaders of the Congress. A political slugfest broke out between the government and the Opposition after an FIR was filed by the jurisdictional police against citizens who had participated in a walk to oppose the flyover.

"All three parties were in power during the last five years but none of them were interested in the environmental issues. All political parties have allowed unplanned urbanisation in the last three-and-a-half decades which has led to the decay of lakes and the loss of tree cover in the city. There has been a 1,055% increase in concrete area, and we have lost 79% of waterbodies and 88% of green cover," said T.V. Ramachandra of the Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc.

Bahutva Karnataka, a coalition of progressive organisations, in its report card on the environment sector, ranked the performance of the State government as "Grade E".

(In this series, we look at the major infrastructural issues affecting the city and how recent governments have dealt with them.)

BJP looks to counter Zameer's popularity with 'balanced candidate'

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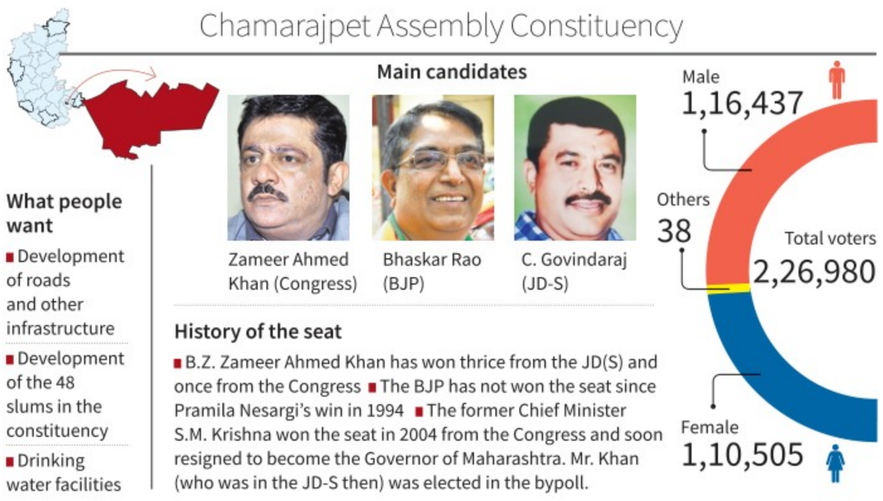

Past results

	Winner	Votes polled Vote share	Runner-up	Votes polled Vote share	Third place	Votes polled Vote share
2018	B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan (Congress)	65,339 54.35%	M. Lakshminarayana (BJP)	32,202 26.78%	B.K. Altaf Khan JD (S)	19,393 16.13%
2013	B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan JD (S)	56,339 52.32%	G.A. Bava (Congress)	26,177 24.31%	B.V. Ganesh (BJP)	17,720 16.45%

For four terms now, the Chamarajpet Assembly constituency has been a stronghold of B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan. While he won three times as a Janata Dal (Secular) candidate (the first time in a byelection), in 2018, he won from the Congress. As he is looking to continue his winning streak with his popularity and the votes of Muslims, the BJP has fielded the former city Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao as a "balanced candidate" to bring in votes from all communities.

The biggest problem that affects the constituency is the lack of infrastructure development, which is what the BJP is hoping to turn into the anti-incumbency factor this time. The constituency spread over 4.31 sq.km has 48 slums, the old fort area, and the bustling K.R. Market.

Mr. Rao said, "The roads are in bad condition. There is a water shortage and there has been no development in any of the slums. Not even one Smart City project has been brought to the constituency. There are no good government schools or hospitals. There is rampant poverty which is leading to crimes."

The local people seconded that infrastructure needs a big boost in the constituency. "The roads are definitely in bad shape and to get drinking water, people still have to stand in long queues with their *bindiges* and buckets like in the old days. When it comes to slums, not much can be done as even the people residing there do not want to go anywhere else as these provide them easier access to K.R. Market and other *pete* areas," said Govind (name changed), a doctor in the constituency.

Another resident, Karthikeyan, pointed out that what had worked for Mr. Khan so far was his connection with the lower strata of society. "From giving them money to taking them to hospitals and paying for their treatment, he (Mr. Khan) has maintained a good relationship with them. The fact that this is a Muslim-dominated constituency, also gives him the advantage."

Idgah maidan row

Last year, Chamarajpet was in the news for the Idgah maidan controversy. While the ownership of the land came into contention, there was also a demand to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi at the grounds. The Supreme Court, however, disallowed the celebrations. The whole issue had caused a lot of unrest among Hindus and Muslims in the constituency.

Speaking about the issue, Mr. Rao said, "That controversy was limited to two wards. As it is government land, it belongs to everybody. Voters should neither love nor hate the government, they should get work done by the government. We should also work on building confidence among the minorities and bring them into the mainstream."

While the BJP has not won in the constituency for almost three decades now, Mr. Rao thinks he has an advantage. "Earlier, the candidates here used to be hardcore right-wingers. But I am more moderate and I can speak Urdu and I have a good connect with Muslims. There is a need and want for change from all societal sections," he said.

Hassan DC gets plaint of unfairness in poll process

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Hassan district administration has received complaints alleging that the election staff, who are entitled to vote through postal ballots, are being pressurised and offered inducements to vote for a particular political party.

The Election Commission issues postal ballots to the polling staff in advance. They have to exercise their franchise and place the paper in a designated box at the office of the Returning Officer.

Pressure on poll staff

The complaints received by the district administration suggest that a few officers of the Department of School Education and Literacy, and office-bearers of the district units of the Government Employees' Association and Teachers' Association are engaged in putting pressure on the election staff and also offering them inducements on behalf of political parties. They are also forcing the staff to hand over the empty ballot papers so that they could vote according to their choice before dropping them in the designated box.

Letter

Following such complaints, Hassan Deputy Commissioner M.S. Archana, on Friday, wrote to the Deputy Director of Public Instructions, the president of the Hassan Zilla Government Employees' Association, and the president of the District School Teachers' Association to take measures necessary to avoid unfair practices.

Inducements to JD(S) candidate: FIR lodged

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

An FIR was lodged in Chamarajanagar Town Police Station on Friday, in connection with the alleged offer of inducements to the JD(S) candidate contesting for Chamarajanagar Assembly constituency, Mallikarjun Swamy, to withdraw his nomination.

Returning Officer of Chamarajanagar Assembly segment Yoganand said that an FIR has been lodged against three persons – Sudeep, Somanna and Nataraj.

The complainant is an election official in Chamarajanagar.

An audio clip containing a telephonic conversation between the accused and Mr. Mallikarjun Swamy purported to have taken place on April 24, the last date for withdrawal of nominations, went viral on various social media platforms.

Opposition parties accused Housing Minister V. Somanna, who is also the BJP candidate from Chamarajanagar, of offering Mr. Mallikarjun Swamy, "an official car" among other things to withdraw from the fray while sharing the contents of the audio clip.

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA, DUBAI
No. DUBA/Cons/434/MR/2023-(43) DATED: 17/04/2023

NOTICE

Mr. Eshan Rao Morebangalore Jagdish S/o Jagdish Rao More Bangalore Sadashiva Rao , Resident of 14, Amruthavarshimi, 27th Block, Madhuvana Layout, Mysuru City Pin:570023, Karnataka, India
Present Address: **1507 Al Ameer Tower, Alnahda Sharjah**
And
Miss. Susmita Mishra Daughter of Parkash Chandra Mishra
Resident of # 48, KH Residency,8th Mn Rd, Opp BSR Sai Palace Apt. Viratnagar, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru Pin:560068, Karnataka, India
Present Address: **1507 Al Ameer Tower, Alnahda Sharjah**

Above mentioned Indian nationals are presently residing in the UAE have given notice of intended marriage between them under the foreign marriages act, 1969. If anyone has any objection to the proposed marriage, he/she should file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the act/rules within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice on **Email: cons1.dubai@mea.gov.in, cons3.dubai@mea.gov.in.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO WHOMSOEVER CONCERN

Our clients **Mr. Harish Kumar. C.L & Mrs. Rekha. D.C** intend to purchase the Property described in the Schedule herein below from the current owner Mr. Naveen Dsouza. It has been represented that the property is presently in the possession of the owner of the property.

In view of the above, the public at large is informed that any person having any right, title, interest, or share in the Schedule property or having objections to the sale of the property, shall notify the same the undersigned with documentary evidence, within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which this notice shall be deemed to have been accepted and all claims shall be deemed to have been forfeited. Further, our clients will be advised to proceed with the transaction of purchase.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of site bearing No.64, old Katha No. 1620 and new BBMP Katha No.1652/1620/64 measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet, and area of 1200 sq. Ft. In the layout called Bhagyashree Royale, formed in Sy. Nos. 104/1A and 104/1B converted for residential purpose converted vide order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR (East) 182:2002-03 and situated at Rachenahalli village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and Bounded as follows:

EAST BY : Site No. 59
WEST BY : 30 Feet road
NORTH BY : Site No. 65
SOUTH BY : Site No. 63

Place: Bangalore
Date: 27.04.2023

Sd/-
Nachappa AK,
Advocate, KAR/375/2022
Kalappa & Co. Advocates,
#480, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main,
Opp. BDA Complex,
Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038.
Mob: 9686964459

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has entered into an Agreement to purchase the Immovable Property from **Mr. VENKATESH KONANKI (alias) VENKATESH VENKATA RAMANAPPA KONANKI** S/o. Mr. Venkataramana, bearing BBMP Site **Nos. 14,15,18,19 and 20**, BBMP Khata No.385/33/1,14,15,18,19 & 20, situated at Bilishivale, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.54 [Hoodi], sites measuring total 6360 square feet, bounded on the **East by : 25 Feet Road, West by: 25 Feet Road, North by: Site No.13 and 21, South by: 20 Feet Road,** and bounded by Compound walls on all sides with a gate. [formerly Site Nos. 14,15,18,19 and 20, Khata No.33/1, property No.9, situated at **Bilishivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore],**
If any person/s are having any objections or claims in respect of the above sale the same be lodged with documentary proof within 7 days from today failing which our client will get the Sale Deed registered and it shall be deemed there are no claims of any nature whatsoever.

K.M.A.PERES, VIREN MICHAEL PERES,
Advocates, No.46/1-1, Wheeler Road, Bangalore- 560005, Mobile: 9845000414.
E-mail. peresoffice@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that the following original documents viz., Sale Deed dated 07.05.1960 registered on 11.05.1960 registered as document No. 727/1960-61, of Book-I, Volume 180 at pages 58 to 60 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore , relating to the schedule property belonging to **Chandra Shekar H. @ Chandra Shekar Reddy H.** S/o late Hanumantha Reddy residing at No 184, 44th Cross, Jayanagar, 8th Block, Bangalore-560 040 is lost in Sarakki , hence a Police Complaint is lodged with Karnataka State Police, Bengaluru City Police unit by **Chandra Shekar H. @ Chandra Shekar Reddy H. Vide E- Complaint dated 26.04.2023** regarding lost of said document. Public are hereby notified that whoever finds the said documents are required to inform or handover the said document to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Property bearing No.4,** PID No 57-255-218 situated at **Sarakki Village, within the Gramatana Limits, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, J.P.Nagar Post, Bangalore 560078,** measuring **East to West 44 feet an North to South 17 feet totally measuring 748 Sq.ft** and bounded on the:
East by : Open Site
West by : Property of Rama Reddy
North by : Open Site and house
South by : Yarappa's House

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Logistics player TCI opens sustainability lab

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Transport Corporation of India Ltd. (TCI Group), an integrated multimodal logistics and supply chain solutions provider, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) has set up the TCI-IIMB Supply Chain Sustainability Lab.

The lab is expected to conduct research in areas such as decarbonisation, circular economy, and sustainable procurement, in addition to publishing white papers, research, and case studies on sustainable supply chain management topics. It will also offer consulting services on carbon-related mapping, measurement, and management. The lab will also provide certification and assessment services, as per a TCI statement. Vineet Agarwal, MD-TCI, said, "With a continued commitment towards delivering excellence, we believe that this lab will build a community of problem solvers, focused on supply chain, by combining research with industry expertise."

Traffic diversions today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Traffic in the city is expected to be thrown out of gear on Saturday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi will conduct a roadshow for over 6 km from Magadi Road-NICE Road junction at 3.30 p.m.

Avoid these roads

Bengaluru Traffic Police have advised road users not to use Old Airport Road, Cambridge Layout Road, Cubbon Road, Ambedkar Road, Nrupatunga Road, Krumbigal Road, Devanga Road, Lalbagh West Gate Road, R.V. College Road from 2 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The traffic police have also advised road users coming from Magadi towards Bengaluru to take a diversion at Tavarekere.

Vehicles coming going the city towards Magadi Road have to join Mysuru Road after taking a diversion at MC Circle and reach Tavarekere. The traffic police have also asked road users to avoid Magadi Road and those travelling from Mysuru Road and Tumakuru Road to take suitable directions.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, APR. 29
RISE 06:00 SET 18:34
RISE 13:30 SET 01:44

SUNDAY, APR. 30
RISE 06:00 SET 18:34
RISE 14:17 SET 02:22

MONDAY, MAY. 01
RISE 05:59 SET 18:34
RISE 15:04 SET 02:59

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	34	26
Mysuru	36	24
Bengaluru	35	22

Bengaluru Today
35°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be warm and humid. Night also will be pleasant. Thunderstorm may occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
33°C Morning will be pleasant with mist and haze. Day will be warm and humid. Spell of light rain and thundershower is a chances at few places.

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Modi to start campaign blitz from today

Prime Minister to address three public rallies on day one. He will address a total of 19 conventions and take part in four roadshows till May 7

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is commencing his second series of visits to poll-bound Karnataka from Saturday.

According to the Prime Minister's itinerary, he will be addressing 19 public conventions in different districts besides participating in four roadshows till May 7 as part of the campaign for the elections scheduled to be held on May 10. The Prime Minister will begin his tour on Saturday by attending four events. His campaign will begin from Humnabad of Bidar district, which forms the northern tip of the State, where he will address a public convention on Saturday. On the same day, he will also address conventions in Vijayapura and Kudachi of Belagavi district before taking part in a roadshow in Bengaluru North parliamentary constituency.

The Prime Minister will address a public convention at Channapatna, where JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy is contesting, on Sunday.

Mr. Modi will address conventions in various areas, including Belur, Nanjangud, Badami, Chittapur, Hosapete, Moodbidri, Ankola, and Kittur.

As part of the BJP's special focus on Bengaluru which accounts for 28 of the total 224 seats in Karnataka Assembly, the Prime Minister is making three visits to the city. While he would be holding roadshows on separate days in Bengaluru North and Bengaluru Central parliamentary constituency areas, he will also address a public convention in Bengaluru South. His campaign in the State will come to an end on May 7 with a roadshow in Bengaluru Central parliamentary constituency areas.

It may be noted that the Prime Minister had visited the State earlier eight times since January 14.

Minister S.T. Somashekar inspecting preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's roadshow in Bengaluru.

To speed up trial in NIA cases, High Court wants three more special courts in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has recommended to the State government to establish three more special courts to try the criminal cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act by pointing out that the only special court existing in Bengaluru city to try all such cases is overburdened as trial in eight to nine-year-old cases are still pending.

One special court each will have to be set up in Mysuru, Belagavi, and Kalaburagi revenue divisions within six months so that the constitutional rights of

the accused, who are facing charges in the cases probed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and are lodged in prisons, is not impacted due to inordinate delay in completion of trial, the High Court has said.

"It is high time for the State government to fulfil the scope and object of the UAP Act and ensure speedy trial and disposal by constituting/establishing three more special courts for trial of NIA cases," the High Court observed.

A Division Bench, comprising Justice B. Veerappa and Justice Venkatesh Naik T., passed the order while rejecting the plea for bail made by Shoeb Ali and 40 accused persons allegedly involved the violent incidents that occurred in Hubballi on April 16, 2022. The incidents occurred during a protest against a provocative 'WhatsApp status' posted by a youth showing a morphed image of a saffron flag flying on a mosque.

During the hearing advocate for the accused pointed out that trial in cases registered under UAP Act got delayed as there was only one special court for all cases registered under this special law across the State.

31 NIA cases pending

Following this, the Bench secured the data of the cases, in which the NIA had filed charge sheets under the UAP Act, pending for trial before the special court in Bengaluru.

As per the data received from the special court, 31 such cases were pending for trial and the oldest case was of 2014. There were two cases each of 2015 and 2016, three cases each of 2017, 2018, and 2020, eight cases of 2021, five cases of 2022, and four cases of 2013. Apart from these 32 cases, there were 53 other criminal cases, assigned to this special court, pending for trial, the Bench noted.

"If the newly proposed special courts are not constituted/established, one special court in the entire State would be overburdened and will lead to inordinate delay in trial and disposal of NIA cases, which is against the constitutional mandate as contemplated under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India," the Bench observed.

EC orders deferment of urs

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Dakshina Kannada District Electoral Officer (DEO) and Deputy Commissioner M.R. Ravi Kumar ordered postponement of the Ajjavara-Menala Makham Urs and religious discourse scheduled to be held from Friday to May 3 at the dargah sharief in the village in Sullia taluk. The order was issued on Thursday.

Though the Sullia tahsildar had given conditional permission for the event, the Puttur Assistant Commissioner had reported to the Deputy Commissioner that the land on which the urs was proposed to be conducted is under dispute between Hindus and Muslims.

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CCB sleuths bust marks card ring; three persons arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sleuths from the Central Crime Branch (CCB) have busted a marks card ring where the accused were issuing marks cards equivalent to Class 10 and Class 12 without any affiliation or permission from the Government of Karnataka.

Acting on a complaint by one Sachin to the Puttenahalli police that one Mylari Patil of YTT Institute was issuing fake marks cards and cheating people, the CCB took up the investigation and procured a search warrant from the court and raided Karnataka Institute of Open School (KIOS) premises in Bengaluru and Hubballi and arrested three persons. The arrested have been identified as Prabhuraj B. Horapete, 36, a resident of Hubballi, Mylari Patil, 46, of KIOS and YTT Institute, and Mohammed Ahmed, 30.

The police have recovered documents to show that the KIOS was getting students admitted for courses equivalent to Class 10 and Class 12 without any affiliation or permission from the government. The institute conducted exams and issued these marks cards.

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For the benefit of the Minority Community, SC/ST, and OBC student, online applications are hereby inivited to 6th Standard for the academic year 2023-24 under Minority Residential Schools i.e, for 80 Morarji Desai Residential Schools, 4 Governament Muslim Residential Schools and 29 Dr. APJ Adbul Kalam Residentials Schools (CBSE) Which are working across Karnataka under the Directrorate of Minorities, Bengaluru. All Eligible students can apply online through Seva Sindhu Portal.

1	Application starting Date	**Date:27.04.2023**
2	Application closing Date	**Date:13.05.2023**
3	Contact us for further information	Help Line 8277799990 080-22535916

Interested students & Parents can also visit nearby District Minority Office or MDRS/GMRS/Dr. APJAKR(CBSE) Schools or Taluk Minority Information Centres for using free service of applying online applications through Seva Sindhu Portal link **http://sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in/**, for further brief notification & details please visit our website **http://dom.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Director, Directorate of Minorities,Bengaluru.

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Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapura, invites applications for the Academic year 2023-24 from its affiliated colleges for Continuation / Extension / Permanent affiliation / Continuation of permanent affiliation / Introduction of new programmes / Introduction of new DSC Courses / Languages Enhancement of student Intake / Change of Name / Change of Place / Change of Trust / Discipline Specific Courses / New PG courses and starting of new Women's Degree college (approved courses / combinations only) by the Management / Society / Trusts under Societies Registration Act / Trusts.

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2. Last date for without panel fee : **06.05.2023 Before 5.00 PM**
3. Last date for submitting application with panel fees : **09.05.2023 Before 5.00 PM**

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Sd/- Registrar,
Karnataka State Akkamahadevi women's University, Vijayapur

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BEFORE THE 4th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE, (CCH-21)

P & S.C. No.25025/2023 Hg: 12/06/2023

PETITIONERS:-

1) MR. S.G. SUDHIR RAO, aged 58 years, son of Late Dr. S. Gourishankar Rao, Presently residing at, #2A, Sukhi Apartments, No.17/4, Rhenius Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025.
2) REKHASHALINI. E, aged 53 years, wife of S.G Sudhir Rao, Presently residing at, #2A, Sukhi Apartments, No.17/4, Rhenius Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025.
-Versus-
RESPONDENT/S:- **NIL**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this Court under Section 276 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, for grant of Probate in respect of the last Will and Testament dated 09/10/2013 of the deceased MISS SULLYA KRISHNA MALIKA, daughter of the late S.Krishna Nayak, late of Apartment No. 2A, Sukhi Apartments, No.17/4, Rhenius Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore- 560 025 who died testate on 23/10/2022 at Bangalore.

Be it known that No Caveat has been entered and the said petition is posted for hearing on 12/06/2023 at 11 'O' Clock. Any person/s claiming to have any interest may come and participate in the proceedings before grant of Probate is made.

ANNEXURE A - VALUATION OF THE MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OF DECEASED:

		Rs. P.
I.	**MOVABLE PROPERTY CONSISITING OF**	
(i)	Cash in hand :	**Rs. 5,550.00**
(ii)	Cash in the Bank	Nil
(iii)	Household goods wearing Apparel, books, plates, Jewels etc (approx.)	**Rs.25,000.00**
(iv)	Motor Car (Swift Desire Model 2014) (KA03 MV 0926)	**Rs.1,72,693.00**
	SUB TOTAL:	**Rs.2,03,243.00**
II.	PROPERTY IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES TRANSFERABLE AT PUBLIC DEBT OFFICE	Nil
III.	IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	**Rs.1,00,00,000.00**

All that piece and parcel being premises i.e. Residential Apartment bearing Municipal No.17/4, Rhenius Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560 025 situated in the 76th Ward of the BBMP being a proprietory package comprising a 3.40% undivided share, right, title and interest in the site and former plinth of premises bearing No.17, Rhenius Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560 025 and denoted by the Number 2A of the Second Floor of the Multi Storeyed Building known and called Sukhi Apartments, constructed on the site of premises bearing No.17, Rhenius Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560 025, having a Built up area of 1275 square feet and bounded as follows:
ON THE EAST BY : Milkman Village,
ON THE WEST BY : Rhenius Street,
ON THE NORTH BY : Property of Colonel Abraham
ON THE SOUTH BY : Property of Major D.B White

IV.	LEASEHOLD PROPERTY	Nil
V.	PROPERTY IN PUBLIC COMPANIES	Nil
VI.	POLICIES OF INSURANCE UPON LIFE, MONEY OUT ON MORTGAGE AND OTHER SECURITIES, SUCH AS BONDS, BILLS, AND OTHER SECURITIES FOR MONEY	Nil
VII.	DEBTS	Nil
VIII.	STOCK IN TRADE	Nil
IX.	OTHER PROPERTY NOT COMPRISED UNDER THE FOREGOING HEADS	Nil
	TOTAL	**Rs.1,02,03,243/-**
LESS :	Deduct items shown in Annexure "B" in the manner provided in Sub Section (2) of Section 53	**Rs.3,50,000.00/-**
	NET VALUE OF ESTATE	**Rs.98,53,243/-**

ANNEXURE B - SCHEDULE OF DEBTS

I.	Amount of debts due and owing from the deceased, legally payable out of the estate	Nil
II.	Amount of expenses connected with Medical Treatment to the deceased during his deathbed illness, funeral rites and ceremonies	**Rs.3,50,000.00**
III.	Amount of mortgage encumbrances	Nil
IV.	Property held in trust not beneficially or with general power to confer a beneficial interest	Nil
V.	Other property not subject to duty	
	TOTAL	**Rs.3,50,000.00**

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the 26th day of April, 2023.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is" and "As is what is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sl No.	Name & address of Borrower/s/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor/s	Description of the immovable property	Total Dues,	Date & time of e-Auction	1) Reserve Price, 2) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3) Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical) Property	Property Inspection Date & Time
1.	**1) M/s H A Traders rep. by its Prop. Mrs. Anusha T N,** No.3, 1st Cross, Shirdi Sai Ratan Layout, RK Hegde Nagar, Rachenahalli, Bengaluru – 560077. **2) Mrs. Anusha T N** **3)Mr. Sunil Kumar R** Both 2 and 3 resides at No.1666, 6th Cross, MCECHS Layout, Phase II, Jakkur, Bangalore – 560064. **Also at:** Site No-29, Ward No-3, Narayanappa Layout, Rosypura Village, Nandihills Road, Doddaballapura, Bangalore -561203.	**1)** All that piece and parcel of the Site No.48, Khatha No.2395/48, East to West 12.19mts, North to South 9.14mts, Herebedanur Village & Hobli Gowrebidanur Taluk, Chikkabalapura District & bounded on East by : 9mts Road, West by : Site No.53, North by : Land, South by : Site No.49. **2)** All that piece and parcel of the Site No.107, Khatha No.2395/107, East to West 9.14mts, North to South 9.45mts,Herebedanur Village & Hobli Gowrebidanur Taluk, Chikkabalapura District & bounded on East by : Site No.106, West by: Site No.108, North by : Land, South by : 9mts Road. **3)** All that piece and parcel of the Site No.53, Khatha No.2395/53, East to West 10.36mts, North to South 9.75mts, Herebedanur Village & Hobli Gowrebidanur Taluk, Chikkabalapura District & bounded on East by : Site No.48, West by : 9mts Road, North by : Land, South by : Site No.52.	**Rs. 51,12,979.97** (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine & Paisa Ninety Seven Only) as on 17-04-2023 plus Further interest and other charges. Branch: MSRIT, Bengaluru.	**30.05.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 12,00,000.00** EMD: **Rs.1,20,000.00** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000.00** Reserve Price: **Rs. 9,50,000.00** EMD: **Rs.95,000.00** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000.00** Reserve Price: **Rs.,11,00,000.00** EMD: **Rs.1,10,000.00** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000.00**	**Physical Possession** **Physical Possession** **Physical Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from Authorised Officer**
2.	**1) Mr. Kuppuswamy G S/o Mr. Gangadhar Ramaiah,** **2) Mrs. Sarala G W/o Mr. Kuppuswamy G** #22, 10 M A Cross, Opp. Ganesha Temple, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Basaveshwara Nagara, Bengaluru – 560079.	**Schedule "A" Property:** All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.15, carved out of the land bearing Sy.No.69, New No.69/1 of Kathriguppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward No.55, bearing New Municipal No.22, 10th Main, Gururaja Layout, Padmanabha Nagara, Bangalore having PID No.55-109-22, which is duly converted from Agricultural purpose to Non Agricultural Residential purpose vide official Memorandum of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District bearing No.ALN/418/47-48, dated 14-04-1948 and amended Conversion Certificate dated 21-04-1948 bearing No.ALN.GR.27/47-48, measuring East to West : 40.0feet, North to South : 60.0feet, totally measuring 2400 square feet and bounded on the: East by : Site No.16, West by : Site No. 14, North by : Site No. 10, South by : Road. **Schedule B Property:** 400 Square feet of undivided share of land right, title and interest in the Schedule A Property. **Schedule C Property:** Residential Flat No.3 (2BHK) in First Floor in the residential apartment building known as "OM SAI VRUNDAVANA" having super built up area of 1050 square feet, along with one car parking place in stlit floor to be constructed in the schedule A property.	**Rs. 60,69,495.58** (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Five & Paisa Fifty Eight Only) as on 17/04/2023 plus Further interest and other charges. Branch: Vijaya Samrudhhi, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru	**30.05.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 53,50,000.00** EMD: **Rs.5,35,000.00** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000.00**	**Physical Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from Authorised Officer**
3.	**1) M/s Nisarga Mart rep. by its Prop. Sunil Kumar R,** Shop N-2, Nandi Arcade, 80ft Road, Hegde Nagar, Bengaluru – 560077. **2) Mr. Sunil Kumar R, 3) Mrs. Anusha T N Both 2 and 3 resides at** No.1666, 6th Cross, MCECHS Layout, Phase II, Jakkur, Bangalore - 560064. **Other address,** Site No-29, Ward No-3, Narayanappa Layout, Rosypura Village, Nandihills Road, Doddaballapura, Bangalore - 561203.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old Khata No. 2347/20 /5493/V.S.NOo.36-42 and 28-31/VS No.29, 5483/2347/20/ 5493/V.S.No.29, site No.29., measuring East to West :461/2 feet and North to South : 30Feet., situated at Rojipura, New 3rd Ward, Doddaballapura- 561203 & bounded on East by : Property of Muni Narayanappa, West by : 3s Feet Road, North by : Site No.28, South by : Site No.30.	**Mrs. Anusha T N (Housing Loan)- Rs. 49,12,606.48** (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Six and Paisa Forty Eight Only) as on 17-04-2023 plus Further interest and other charges. Branch: MSRIT, Bengaluru **M/s Nisarga Mart- Rs. 77,77,230.40** (Rupees Seventy Seven lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and Paisa Forty only) as on 17-04-2023 plus Further interest and other charges. Branch: MSRIT, Bengaluru	**30.05.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 28,00,000.00** EMD: **Rs.2,80,000.00** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000.00**	**Physical Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from Authorised Officer**
4.	**1) Mrs. Padmavathi R W/o Mr. C Sreekanta** **2)Mr. C Sreekanta S/o Mr. Chandrappa** Both 1 and 2 resides at No.1346, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, 10th Main, 3rd Stage, BEML Layout, Rajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru – 560098.	**Schedule "A" Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy Nos.30,31, & 32, measuring 13 Acre 01 Guntas, situated at Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, within the revenue jurisdiction of BMRDA, Bangalore in the project called as 'La-Vile Township" and bounded on, East by : Survey No.28 and 29, West by : Survey No 47, North by : Survey No 142 and 145, South by : Survey No 117, **Schedule "B" Property:** All that piece and parcel of the residential plot bearing No.79, having E Khatha No.150200102700422557 No.248/79 bearing residential plot measuring East to West 12.190mts North to South 9.140mts, in all measuring 111.42sq.mtrs in the schedule A property situated at Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site No.97, North by : Site No.80, South by : Site No.78.	**Rs. 32,31,160.72** (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Sixty & Paisa Seventy Two Only) as on 17-04-2023 plus Further interest and other charges. Branch: Yelahanka Old Town, Bengaluru	**30.05.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 27,50,000.00** EMD: **Rs.2,75,000.00** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000.00**	**Physical Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from Authorised Officer**
5.	**1) Mr.Pravin Jain** resides at No.64/2, 3RD Main Road, Between 5th & 6th Cross, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru – 560018	**Schedule "A" Property :** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands comprised in Sy.Nos.44/1, 44/2, 44/3, 44/4, 45/1, &45/2, situated at Hemmigepurva Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, District totally measuring 10 Acres 20 Guntas and bounded on the : East by : Survey Nos.46, 37, PL-50/2010-11, 44/5, 44/7 and 43, West by : Vrushabhavathi Valley, North by : Survey No 46 and 37, South by : Survey No 37(p), 44/7 and 42 **Schedule "B" Property:** Residential plot described below in the plot layout known as Golden Valley- Phase -2, together with common area, common facilities, common open space, common water and sanitation, separate electricity, easement right and appurtenances thereto. Plot No.35 **Area :** 105.97Sq.mtrs (1140.76sft) Phase – 2 East by : Plot No.34, West by : Private Property & Portion of Road, North by :Road South by : Private Property.	**Rs. 44,72,431.77** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty One & Paisa Seventy Seven Only) as on 17-04-2023 plus Further interest and other charges. Branch: Palace orchards e-VB, Bengaluru	**30.05.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 34,00,000.00** EMD: **Rs.3,40,000.00** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000.00**	**Physical Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from Authorised Officer**
6.	**1) Mrs. Shylaja K V W/o Mr. Narasimhaiah M** **2) Mr. Narasimhaiah M S/o Late Muniyappa** Both 1 and 2 resides at No.49, 2nd Cross, Bloom Field garden, Ramachandrapura, Vidyaranpura, Bengaluru – 560097. Also resides at Apartment no. C-6, 1st Floor, C Block, Global Aura Project,SM Road, Jalahalli West, Bangalore -560012	**Schedule "A" Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing OLD Corporation No.15, 15/1, 16 and 16/1, Now assigned as consolidated Corporation No.15, PID No.1-39-15, situated at S.M.Road, Jalahalli West, Bangalore -560012, Peenya Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, previously BMP Ward No.1, presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, totally measuring 4544 square feet out of entire Measuring 22993 Square Feet and bounded on East by : Private Property, West by : Private Property, North by : Road, South by : Road and private property. **Schedule "B" Property :** 394 Sq.feet of Undivided share, right , title, interest in the Schedule A Property. **Schedule "C" Property:** Apartment bearing Flat No.C-06, situated in the First Floor, having super built up area of 2000sq.ft., consisting of Three Bed Room, with vitrified flooring, building known as "Global Aura Project" of C Block, constructed on schedule 'A' property with rights to pass through the area leading to the main road and free egress and ingress and entitled for all the common areas and civic amenities and covered car parking.	**Rs. 1,23,49,292.60** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Three Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two & Paisa Sixty Only) as on 17-04-2023 plus Further interest and other charges. Branch: Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru	**30.05.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 1,07,00,000.00** EMD: **Rs.10,70,000.00** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000.00**	**Physical Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from Authorised Officer**
7.	**1). Mrs. Sofia Samuel W/o Mr. Samuel P** **2) Mr. Samuel P S/o Paul Thomas** Both 1 and 2 resides at No.60/1,Manasaba Palace, Flat No.102,2nd B Cross, Sulthanapalya, Bengaluru – 560032.	**Schedule "A" Property :**Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the residential site No.1, Now Corporation No.60/1, (Eastern side small portion) formed in Survey No.50/1, situated at Sulthanpalya main Road, Corporation division, Ward No.95, Bangalore, together with all the rights, appurtences whatsoever underneath or above surface, measuring East to West : 20feet ; North to South : 60feet in all 1200 sq. feet and bounded on East by: Main Road; West by: Remaining Major of site No.60/1 measuring 60*40ft; North by: Private Property and South by : Cross Road. **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the residential site No.1, now Corporation No.60/1(Eastern side small portion)formed in survey No.50/1, situated at Sulthanpalya main Road, Corporation division , Ward No.95, Bangalore, together with all the rights, appurtenance whatsoever underneath or above surface, measuring East to West :40feet; North to South : 60 feet in all 2400sq. feet and bounded on the East by :Remaining major of site No.60/1 measuring 60*20ft; West by : Site No.18; North by: Private Property and South by : Cross Road. **Schedule "B" Property :** All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat No.GF bearing Municipal No.60/2, in a building known as "Manasaba Palace" Sultanpalya , main Road, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore -560032, (New PID No.95-1-60/2) comprising super built up area 900 sq, feet, carpet area 700 sq. feet., 2BHK along with the 280sq. feet proportionate undivided share, right, title and interest in the land described in Schedule "A" property and along with a designated covered car park in the basement.	**Rs. 50,44,407.57** (Rupees Fifty Lakh Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seven & Paisa Fifty Seven Only) as on 17-04-2023 plus Further interest and other charges. Branch: Vijaya Samrudhi, Dollars Colony , Bengaluru	**30.05.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 31,00,000.00** EMD: **Rs.3,10,000.00** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000.00**	**Physical Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from Authorised Officer**
8.	**1) M/s System Infotech No.197 – C, 3rd Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru – 560058.** **2) Mr. N Srinivasan** **3) Mrs. Latha Srinivasan** Both 2 and 3 resides at 125, 3rd Cross, Near Vasan Eye Care, 7th Main, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560072.	All that piece and parcel of the residential converted Site No.102, formed in Sy.no.112/A (duly converted Order No.ALN(M)SR/34/2008-09., dated : 17/09/2009, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara, the layout plan duly approved by the Nelamangala Planning Authority vide plan approval Ref.No.BMRDA/NPA/LAO/05/2021-12, on 26/08/2011 and remaining 40% of site released vide No.NPA/LAO/05/2011-12 on 10/12/2012) measuring East to West : 30.48 meters or 100feet and North to South :15.24meters or 50feet in all measuring 5000sq.ft., situated at Sri Sai Krishna Villas, Yennigere Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, having Khatha No.278/102 and PID/RDPR No: 152900300800800883, and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Site No.123, North by : Site No.101, South by : Site No.103.	**Rs. 2,44,66,771.69** (Rupees Two Crore Forty Four Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One & Paisa Sixty Nine Only) as on 17-04-2023 plus Further interest and other charges. Branch: Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru	**30.05.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 34,00,000.00** EMD: **Rs.3,40,000.00** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000.00** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from Authorised Officer**

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Schools of the future

Seamless designs, flexible furniture, and collaborative spaces are priorities when designing new-age schools. By **Nidhi Adlakha**

Think of a school and the image of narrow corridors and cramped classrooms with wooden benches comes to mind. Not anymore, with a number of design firms upping their game and looking at early learning institutions as seamless spaces that encourage independent learning. Think vibrant, collaborative spaces, flexible seating arrangements, and classrooms that double up as libraries.

Stellar World School kindergarten, Mumbai
Year: 2022

KSD Studio's latest project – the Stellar World School kindergarten in Mumbai – stemmed from the idea to create a fluid space for children. Something that most international schools lack, says Kshiti Shah, the project's principal designer. "Schools are restricted by solid classroom walls and furniture. We approached this project differently. We wanted to fade the boundaries between educators and learners through extensive use of transparency and collaboration spaces throughout the building," she says of the school with flexible classrooms and a fluid design. Kshiti adds that this project – spanning 12,000 sq.ft. and which took 1.5 years to complete – forms the campus' first phase, with two more phases in the offing for higher-grade students.

"The client wanted a learning space where students felt like a second home with unrestricted learning outside of classrooms." And so, the team moved away from the idea of narrow corridors. Instead, a collaborative learning space with classrooms on the periphery was created. Keeping today's digital era in mind, Kshiti explains how the library was also designed differently. "Instead of stacking books in an enclosed space which is conventionally done, we introduced a vertical library on all the floors that became a connecting thread between the floors. It makes children more accessible to the books and also encourages non-readers to flip through books of their interest. The walls of the collaborative area encourage children to explore sensory, cognitive, imaginative, and group play together," says the architect of the firm now working on residential interior spaces in Mumbai, holiday homes in Aamby valley, and a few workspaces in Pune.

Elaborating on the project's non-linear nature, the architect says the classrooms have been designed to have different seating options "to give the educator freedom to conduct the class in different ways". "There could be times when the educator wants the students to face the screen/board or make clusters of 3-6 students for a group activity or clear out the entire floor for a performance. The storage designed at the periphery of the classroom acts as seating when the classroom needs to be cleared for an activity," says Kshiti.

Students are encouraged to explore, be curious, and are on their feet most of the time allowing for free movement in a safe environment

Students at Stellar World School

What also sets the design apart is the pastel colour scheme, atypical in spaces for young children. "We wanted the space to be natural, earthy, biophilic with a pop of colour. We chose only two shades – peach and green – which bring calmness to the stormy, loud atmosphere that the children bring in."

The collaborative area, Kshiti's favourite space in the school, features several interactive and educative elements: the alphabet wall, follow the grooves, colour wheel, peg board, and a textured wall, among others.

Kai Early Years, Bengaluru
Year: 2019

A resource-rich environment that "doesn't necessarily dictate when to learn, where to learn, or even how to learn", Kai Early Years is starkly different from a conventionally modelled school, says Bipin Bhadran, Managing Director, Education Design International, the firm behind the school's design. The early childhood campus in Whitefield comprises two independently functioning departments: the Learning Centre and the Community Centre. While the former features learning pods, activity spaces, and administrative zones, the latter is home to day-care facilities and research areas.

The need for agile, flexible spaces for teachers and students was always a priority. "Following a classroom-based school design wouldn't have met any of Kai's educational aspirations. Our former research in neuroscience, findings, and experiences from 54 countries has continuously allowed us to push the boundaries of learning space design," says Bipin, explaining how, in a learning community model, students are encouraged to set their own goals, and learn at their own pace wherein teachers act as facilitators. "Students are encouraged to explore, be curious, and are on their feet most of the time allowing for free movement in a safe environment. A majority of the walls and floors are tactile in different textures, patterns enhancing sensorial experience," he says.

Addressing his key design features, Bipin says the kitchen garden is a prominent design element, allowing students to understand a farm-to-fork concept. "The exterior sound garden and internal slide from one floor to the other are other interesting elements for adults as well as children who indulge in creative play on a regular basis," says Bipin, who is now working on similar projects at Inventure Academy in Bengaluru, Greenvalley International School in Chennai, and Pune's Wellington College.

Heritage Xperiential Learning School, Gurugram
Year: 2021

A school sans classroom walls or corridor bifurcations? If you are wondering if this is perhaps an institution abroad, think again. Gurugram's Heritage Xperiential Learning School's junior campus (for students until Grade 2) that launched in October 2021, draws from Scandinavian design: warm tones, straight lines, ample natural night, and seamless spaces.

"The designs of our schools haven't changed much in the last 150 years," says Vishnu Karthik, Director, The Heritage Group of Schools. He explains how the core structure of a school is similar to the designs we have had since the first industrial revolution. "Not many know that the core school design is pretty much a design of hospitals and prisons which need a 'cell and a bell' model for control and supervision," he says, adding that their project (designed by Manit Jain, co-founder) was a step to question this traditional model.

Elaborating on the project's interactive features, Vishnu says with no classroom walls, and corridors integrated into the classrooms helped make one large learning unit. "Students and educators can move seamlessly across these learning spaces. Another feature is multiple space formats in each learning unit. There is space for whole-class instruction, small group work, silent reflections or self-reading, etc.

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Though the size of announcements by Opposition parties is big, officials believe space can be made to accommodate them through rationalisation of existing schemes; similar schemes in other States are being run through borrowings, say sources

Sharath S. Srivatsa
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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai with children of farmers who are beneficiaries the Chief Minister's Raitha Vidyanidhi Scheme at Alva's College in Moodbidri on June 1, 2022.

Karnataka's budgetary allocation may have to undergo a major rejig to implement the poll promises made by the Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular), if either of them come to power after the May 10 Assembly elections.

With Karnataka's revenue surplus Budget considered to be a "notional revenue surplus Budget", implementing the schemes that are primarily revenue expenditure could result in revenue deficit, say those in the know. Similar schemes in neighbouring Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and partially Tamil Nadu are being run through borrowings, sources in the government pointed out.

What it will cost

The initial estimate for the five "guarantees" announced by the Congress is expected to cost over ₹50,000 crore, and the 12 announcements of JD(S) is expected to cost the exchequer about ₹75,000 crore. While the Congress has said that these schemes are possible with better tax collection and rationalisation of expenditure, JD(S) sources said the schemes will be implemented through many State and Central government schemes along with improved tax collection.

The State Budget size for 2023-2024 presented by the BJP has been estimated to be ₹3.09 crore of which 26% comes through borrowings. Just about 18% of the total Budget has been earmarked for capital expenditure, and committed expenditure is high. In the committed expenditure, 22% is estimated to go for salaries and pension, it is going to go up substantially with the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission expected to be implemented this year. The subsidy bill is about 11% -13%.

With little room to manoeuvre, experts believe that the options before the government are limited - either increase revenue through higher taxation or curtail expenditure on existing schemes or fund the new promises through borrowings. Present government borrowings are at the rate between 7.5% and 8%.

Still possible

However, though the size of new announcements is big, officials believe that space could be made to accommodate some of them through rationalisation of existing schemes that could bring down financial requirements. "A lot of schemes are getting duplicated and these could be integrated. Many schemes have been announced as top-ups to existing State or Central government schemes. A lot of small schemes are being implemented by different departments which could be integrated and brought under an umbrella scheme," said government sources.

For example, the Raitha Vidyanadhi Scheme now has programmes added to it, which brings beneficiaries who are already getting support through other schemes. In this Budget, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced free education to PU and degree students, which means top up support is redundant. In the agriculture sector, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa added ₹4,000 annually as a top-up for Prime Minister Kisan Samman Yojane. In areas where irrigation capacity has been created, borewells are being approved under Ganga Kalyan Yojane.

However, going by the legacy in Karnataka politics, sources indicated that certain "hard decisions" have to be made if the big ticket announcements are to be implemented. People aware of these schemes say historically across the political spectrum, governments have tried to keep the old schemes alive while trying to implement their major announcements. "Governments have also tried to implement all or most of their major announcements which meant thin resources being spread across many schemes. Unlike in the subsidy schemes where money is reimbursed at a later date, the DBT schemes require liquid cash for immediate transfers," said a scheme. Also, the new trend has been to announce new schemes outside the Budget on special occasions/days.

This in contrast to the Central governments that have looked at merging schemes or dividing schemes or replacing schemes, sources pointed out. For example the Jawahar Rozgar Yojane (JRY) morphed into Swarna Jayanti JRY, which later became NREGA. In the education sector, schemes changed from Operation Black Board, into District Primary Education Programme then into Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and now Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.

"The big question is whether the next government will take certain hard decisions. The financial requirement will also depend on whether the government wants to implement them all at one go or in phases," said a source.

Not possible for 40% commission govt. to offer promises like Cong.: Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressing a public meeting amidst the rain at Jewargi in Kalaburagi district on Friday. ARUN KULKARNI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's criticism of the Congress' promises in Karnataka and said that they would indeed seem impractical for the BJP steeped in "40% commission" corruption.

Speaking at a rally in Jewargi constituency, he said the party had made five promises, including ₹2,000 to every woman head of the family, 200 units of electricity every month to every household free of cost, 10 kg free rice per month to every family, unemployment compensation, and free travel for women in government buses. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that it would be impossible to fulfil the promises. BJP cannot offer such promises as it is impossible for the party to fulfil them because their government demands 40% commission. The government which steals 40% as commission cannot offer such promises and fulfil them," Mr. Gandhi said.

"BJP loves the number 40. They have been taking 40% commission for the last three years. Give them only 40 seats," he said.

Heavy rains, coupled with winds, disrupted the campaign and was delayed by more than two hours. Thousands of people waited in the rain for Mr. Gandhi to arrive. Because of the weather, his helicopter could not land at Jewargi and he flew back to Kalaburagi from where he took a car to reach the venue.

Geetha Shivarajkumar joins Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Geetha Shivarajkumar joined the Congress in the presence of KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Geetha Shivarajkumar, wife of Kannada film actor Shivarajkumar, joined the Congress on Friday at the party office in the presence of KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar.

Ms. Shivarajkumar is the daughter of S. Bangarappa, former Chief Minister of Karnataka. She will campaign for Madhu Bangarappa, Congress candidate in Soraba constituency in Shivamogga district. Ms. Shivarajkumar had previously identified herself with the JD(S). In 2014, she contested the Lok Sabha polls as the JD(S) candidate against BJP's veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa, but lost.

Another JD(S) leader, B.B. Ningaiah, former MLA of Mudigere constituency in Chikkamagaluru district, joined the Congress.

While Kumar Bangarappa invokes Modi, brother Madhu says the Prime Minister is no longer a vote-puller

Sathish G.T.
SORAB (SHIVAMOGGA)

Madhu Bangarappa and Kumar Bangarappa

S. Kumar Bangarappa and his younger brother S. Madhu Bangarappa, sons of former Chief Minister S. Bangarappa, are fighting against each other for Sorab, the constituency that the family has held in 12 of the 13 elections held since 1967.

While Mr. Kumar, 59, who is contesting on BJP ticket, takes the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi often in his campaign speeches, Mr. Madhu, 57, argues that Mr. Modi has lost his charm and is no longer a vote-puller.

During campaign, the elder brother talks of development projects he got sanctioned during his tenure and shares his vision for the constituency with voters. His younger brother keeps mentioning the contributions of the Congress, particularly the schemes his father launched as Congress CM, besides the promises of the party during the current campaign.

Addressing a group of people at Elavalli in Sorab taluk, Mr. Kumar said a year from now, Mr. Modi would come to Sorab to inaugurate Vistara Soudha, a complex of government offices being constructed at a cost of ₹100 crore. "He will lay the foundation stone for the railway line that connects Talaguppa to Hubballi via Sorab and Avanatti," he said. Later, speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Kumar said that Mr. Modi had a vision for development of all States and regions. "We are following his vision. Sorab constituency will undergo a lot of transformation," he said.

On the other hand, Mr. Madhu, speaking to *The Hindu* at his residence in Kubatur, said: "Now BJP people cannot seek votes in the name of Narendra Modi. Go to some villages and ask people about the PM. Out of 10, more than eight show their anger." Further, he felt that Hindutva would no longer work in favour of the BJP.

For the elder brother, who also served as Minister earlier, this is his seventh election. He served the constituency four times in the Legislative Assembly. His younger brother won only once in 2013 as JD(S) candidate, though he has contested four times so far. Both have moved from one party to another, as did their father, Bangarappa, a political stalwart. Earlier, both spoke against each other on family issues. However, now they wish to treat the opposite candidate as 'political rival'.

"I cannot deny the fact that he is my *anna* (elder brother). But people of my constituency will decide if he is a good brother or not," said Mr. Madhu. On the other hand, Mr. Kumar said: "Madhu needs to mature politically. I wish leaders of the party teach him how to conduct elections."

Parameshwara injured during campaigning

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Deputy Chief Minister G. Parameshwara suffered a head injury while campaigning in his constituency Koratagere on Friday evening. The injury is alleged to have been due to a stone that hit him in the head, even as the police said they were probing the issue and were not yet sure whether it was indeed a stone that hit him.

Mr. Parameshwara was doing a roadshow in Bhairenahalli, Koratagere, at around 5 p.m. on Friday. While Congress workers were putting a large garland using a JCB, suddenly Mr. Parameshwara came down the vehicle holding his bleeding head.

Congress workers alleged that a miscreant had pelted a stone at him.

Mr. Parameshwara was rushed to a nearby government hospital where he received first aid and from there was shifted to Sri Siddhartha Medical College and Hospital, also run by the leader's family.

Congress spokesperson Ramesh Babu alleged that some miscreants had pelted stones at the former Deputy Chief Minister in an attempt to scare him away from the contest.

The Jarkiholis are confident but on alert in their pocket borough

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
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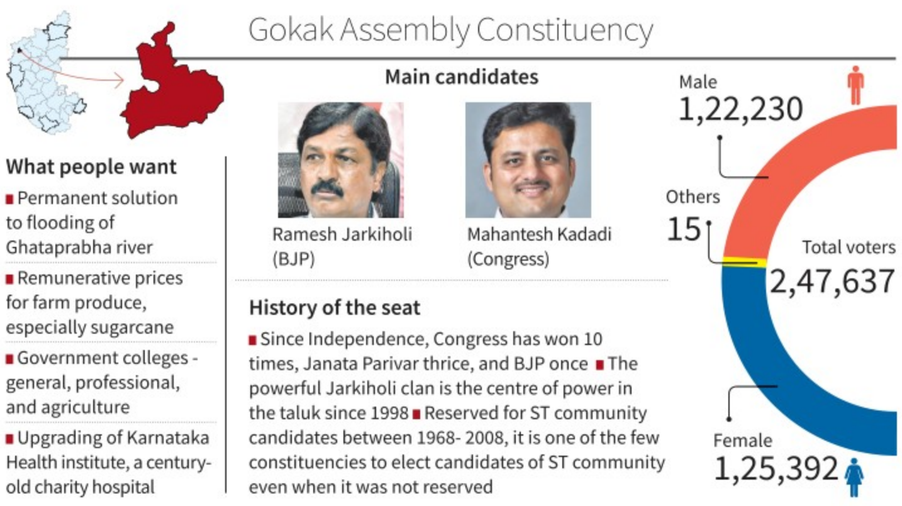


	Winner	Votes polled Vote share	Runner-up	Votes polled Vote share	Third place	Votes polled Vote share
2019	Ramesh Jarkiholi (BJP)	87,450 49.33%	Lakhan Jarkiholi (Congress)	58,444 32.97%	Ashok Pujari JD (S)	27,948 15.76%
2018	Ramesh Jarkiholi (BJP)	90,249 51.87%	Ashok Ningayyaswami Pujari (BJP)	75,969 43.67%	NOTA	2,121 1.25%
2013	Ramesh Jarkiholi (Congress)	79,175 54.86%	Ashok Pujari JD(S)	51,170 35.45%	Umesh Adiveppa Nirwani (KJP)	4,366 3.03%

Ramesh Jarkiholi lives in a palatial house on the way to the scenic waterfalls on the outskirts of Gokak. From a humble background, the fortunes of the family changed since his first term as legislator in 1999. From trading in Indian-made foreign liquor in a few districts in north Karnataka just three decades ago, the clan has become one of the biggest sugar and molasses producing families in north Karnataka. Now, the five Jarkiholi brothers own or run five sugar factories and another is coming up.

The family has also maintained a near monopoly on the politics in the taluk. Four of the brothers are in public life. MLAs Ramesh Jarkiholi and Balachandra Jarkiholi in the BJP, MLA Satish Jarkiholi is in the Congress, and the younger sibling Lakhan Jarkiholi is an unattached member in the Legislative Council, though he is busy managing Mr. Ramesh's campaign in Gokak. The stronghold of the family over the gram and taluk panchayats, town and city municipal councils, local cooperative sugar factories, and banks is evident. The brothers are called "Sahukars."

Kin of senior leaders are fighting from opposite parties in this key constituency where Jarkiholis have held sway for long

A self-assured Mr. Ramesh reiterates that this time, he is not spending much time on his campaign in Gokak.

"I will campaign harder for my followers Mahesh Kumathalli in Athani and Nagesh Manolkar in Belagavi rural than for myself. I am needed much more there, than here," he says. Mr. Lakhan says: "Ramesh Sahukar does not need to campaign here."

Of the seven elections he has fought, Mr. Ramesh has lost just once - in 1985.

New challenge

Despite the obvious confidence, some signals indicate they are working harder than ever. The BJP nominee is fighting Congress candidate Mahantesh Kadadi, a young doctor from the Panchamasali Lingayat community who runs a chain of hospitals in Gokak and surrounding towns. Dr. Kadadi is the cousin of Iranna Kadadi, BJP leader and Rajya Sabha member. JD(S) candidate Channabasappa Gidnavar, another Panchamasali Lingayat, has withdrawn his nomination after announcing his support to the Congress.

This time, his loyalists admit, Mr. Ramesh is facing a new challenge. "All these years, he has taken the support of Lingayats and Muslims for granted. But that is changing," said a youth at the Nayak Student Federation, a youth body that volunteers in the campaigns of the Jarkiholi brothers.

"This time, the Lingayat community is having second thoughts because the Congress fielded a Panchamasali candidate. The Muslimswere supporting Mr. Ramesh as they had no choice. But, this time, they feel the Congress has a shot at victory," he said.

Inayat Ali, who is a member of the Syed Ali Shah Dargah committee, said that 26 Jamaat committees in the constituency are yet to decide on polling preferences.

Dr. Kadadi says he is confident of winning. "The people of Gokak are tired of the Jarkiholis. They want change," he said. "Mr. Ramesh has converted Gokak into a private republic. He has single-handed control over every government office in the taluk. Nothing moves here without his orders. The people are feeling suffocated," he said.

However, some questions remain unanswered. Why did the Congress choose a relative of a senior BJP leader as its candidate in Gokak? D.K. Shivakumar, KPCC president, said ticket was distributed on various factors, including probability of victory.

Related but opposed

And what will the two senior leaders, Mr. Satish and Mr. Kadadi, whose relatives are fighting polls from parties opposed to their ideologies, do in Gokak? Who will they actively campaign for? Mr. Satish says party comes first, while Mr. Kadadi too says he is a disciplined soldier of the BJP.

Proud moment: Former Kerala Health Minister K.K. Shailaja during an interview after the launch of her book in New Delhi. V.V. KRISHNAN

Ex-Kerala Minister Shailaja launches her memoirs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Kerala's former Health Minister K.K. Shailaja launched her memoirs - *My Life As A Comrade* - in Delhi on Friday. Speaking at the book launch, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan applauded Ms. Shailaja's work during the COVID-19 pandemic and her work as a political activist.

Mr. Vijayan said the book carries rich details about the battles that women from generations before her fought. "The book has a touching description about her grandmother M.K. Kalyani, who, disregarding her own health, worked during the plague. It is only apt that her grandchild led the fight against another pandemic of a similar scale," he said.

When a politician writes their memoirs it is not just about their individual journey, but also about the evolution of society and the political history of the country, he said.

He also sought to applaud his government's performance during the pandemic, saying that it was not seen merely as a health issue but as a larger community challenge and the government was able to fix systemic deficiencies. "The world took notice of the work done by the Left Democratic Front Cabinet, which is a thing of pride for all of us, including Ms. Shailaja."

CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat, who was present at the launch, said it was important that not a book about a communist's life but a book about a female communist's journey is here for the readers. "Her grandmother became a widow early in life, and her mother was abandoned by her father. A women-headed family is a cynosure of so many eyes. It is this family where Ms. Shailaja grew up as an independent woman who could chose to become a communist; that itself is a story," she said.

Seven more Sri Lankan nationals arrive at Dhanushkodi

The newly-arrived group comprising two families was sent to the Mandapam camp. With this batch, the total number of occupants of the facility stands at 245

The Hindu Bureau
RAMANATHAPURAM

With hope: The Sri Lankan Tamils who landed at Dhanushkodi on Friday. L. BALACHANDAR

Saying that many essential commodities, such as milk and rice, continued to be sold at exorbitant rates in Sri Lanka, two families, comprising seven persons, including an infant, from the island nation reached Indian waters in the early hours of Friday.

One of the Sri Lankan Tamils, Vanitha, 38, wife of Newton William, 43, of Theerthakarai Mullaitheevu, told *The Hindu* at the Marine Police station, Mandapam, that they took the hard decision of selling their house as a last resort. "Milk was sold at 350 Sri Lankan Rupee (SLR) per litre and rice at 250 SLR per kg. We had to spend at least 3,000 SLR everyday for a family of five for survival . Since it was very difficult, we sold the house and decided to come here," she added.

After paying 4 lakh SLR to an agent, the family left Sri Lanka on Thursday and were dropped off somewhere near the Dhanushkodi islet around 3 a.m. on Friday. Mr. William said they had some relatives in Dharmapuri district, but they had come to India for the first time. With no job guarantee, life was miserable in Sri Lanka, and though India had sent food and medicines, they did not reach many families.

There were no signs of normalcy returning in Sri Lanka in the near future, he claimed, citing the rise in prices of essential goods. The couple with three children – Dhoni, 10, John, 8, and Vishal, 15 – were put up in the Rehabilitation Centre in Mandapam.

Shalini, 19, and her 18-month-old child Aashish, also reached Dhanushkodi in a vessel.

A Revenue Department official at the Rehabilitation Centre said with the arrival of the seven persons, the total number of occupants stood at 245.

Government, Opposition call for ban on 'deeply divisive' movie *Kerala Story*

G Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala's ruling Left Democratic Front and the Opposition United Democratic front have vehemently opposed the impending release of the contentious commercial film *The Kerala Story*.

They have raised cautionary red flags, warning that the "acutely divisive" movie's screening could divide society along sectarian lines.

The film purportedly centres on the questionable claim that the Islamic State (IS) found Kerala a fertile ground for recruiting impressionable youth, an alleged 32,000 men and women conscripts, to its terrorist cause during the 2016-18 period.

The cinema's trailers released on the Internet appeared to indicate that its central theme revolved around a fictional retelling of the defection of four radicalised Kerala women and their husbands to the IS in Khoisan province in Afghanistan in 2016.

Cultural Affairs Minister Saji Cherian called for a boycott of the "divisive" film.

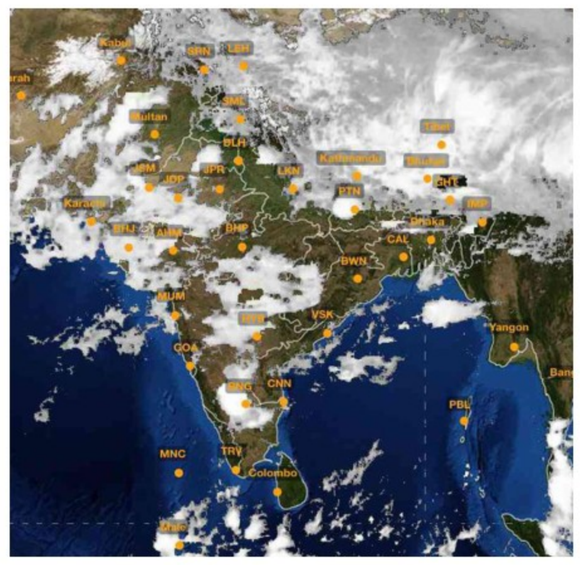
Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan asked the government whether it had the nerve to ban the film. He said the movie, if released, would give the far-right Sangh Parivar forces ammunition to drive a wedge between communities.

Ruling front and Opposition youth organisations echoed similar sentiments and launched aggressive online campaigns against the film. The outfits alleged the film stoked Islamophobia to further the Sangh Parivar's "Hindu nationalist cause".

The BJP State unit has not officially reacted to the controversy. However, in a tweet in November last, BJP leader Amit Malaviya indicated that "powerful forces" in Kerala "did not want the truth to come out" and the movie's teaser had "run into rough weather".

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, interior Karnataka and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning/ gusty wind likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.9	21.2	Kozhikode	—	36.6	28.0
Ahmedabad	—	38.9	26.0	Kurnool	—	37.8	26.5
Aizawl	—	33.9	16.3	Lucknow	—	35.8	22.4
Allahabad	—	39.3	23.6	Madurai	9.7	33.7	26.1
Bengaluru	—	34.5	22.0	Mangaluru	—	34.7	25.6
Bhopal	2	—	19.5	Mumbai	—	32.4	25.6
Bhubaneswar	—	35.6	25.5	Mysuru	—	34.0	24.0
Chandigarh	—	35.9	20.0	New Delhi	—	34.9	22.9
Chennai	—	36.6	27.1	Patna	—	38.6	22.6
Coimbatore	—	36.4	25.6	Port Blair	—	34.1	28.1
Dehradun	2	33.3	16.9	Puducherry	4.4	35.2	26.4
Gangtok	1	20.1	13.3	Pune	—	34.4	23.3
Goa	—	34.9	25.2	Raipur	17	33.6	20.2
Guwahati	0.1	33.7	21.8	Ranchi	—	33.2	21.0
Hubballi	—	36.0	22.0	Shillong	—	23.8	12.6
Hyderabad	—	32.8	25.0	Shimla	2	22.0	11.0
Imphal	—	32.2	19.8	Srinagar	19	11.0	7.7
Jaipur	—	35.0	24.0	Thiruvananthapuram	1	33.4	25.4
Kochi	3.8	33.4	24.6	Tiruchi	—	35.5	27.0
Kohima	—	22.8	18.6	Vijayawada	—	37.7	26.2
Kolkata	21	35.4	22.5	Visakhapatnam	—	35.0	26.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.18	1	.11	226	262	
Bengaluru	.31	.11	.55	57	71	
Chennai	2	.84	101	71	66	
Delhi	.30	120	.91	141	193	
Hyderabad	.6	.25	.43	108	123	
Kolkata	.23	.11	.28	64	54	
Lucknow	.12	.82	.32	280	261	
Mumbai	.6	.26	113	27	36	
Pune	.16	.27	.42	117	159	
Visakhapatnam	.19	.48	.21	75	108	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 309 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

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PERSONAL

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I Tejaswini B G alias Tejaswini Bettahalli Gunda D/o B V G Sastry , residing at # 225 4th Main 4th Cross, Near BIPS School, Ramanjaneyanagar, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560061, have changed my name to Tejaswini Sastry for all purposes in future.

I, BELANDOOR Ramaya Reddy Kusumavathi, R/a No.208/2, 11th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560027 have changed my name to Bellandur Ramaiah Reddy Kusuma vide affidavit dt: 19.04.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

I, SWETA Vinay Rao, residing at No 1&2, 1st Cross Palace Cross Road, Chakravarthy Layout, Behind Mahindra Showroom, Bengaluru-560020, have changed my name to Shweta Vinay Rao, Vide affidavit dated: 25.04.2023 before notary, Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE it is Hereby Informed to The General Public that, My Clients Mr. Ambrish A V and Mr. Hardhik Gowda, office at No. 442, 1st Floor, 10th Main, HRBR Layout, 1st Block, 100 feet Road, Bangalore 560043 have intended to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from Mr. M.Bhagwat Singh and his Legal Heirs, any interested parties raise the objection within 15 days after publication over the said property shall contact us in person with the relevant documents. Otherwise, my clients will consider has no objection and are liberty to proceed for the registration of the Sale Deed before the concerned sub registrar. Further my clients are not binding on any transactions done or to be done by the third parties regarding the schedule property Schedule Property All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Sy No. 46/2, measuring 1 (One) Acre and 16 Guntas, with 2 Guntas Kharab Land, Situated at Kadugodi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sy No. 48, West by : Sy No. 27, North by : Sy No. 46/1, and on the South by : Road, Mob : V.Chandra Shekhar, Advocate Mob : 9844316972 / Pradeep : Mob 9343833773

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DHANUSH, S/o A. Ashok Kumar, presently residing at # 85, 10th "A" Cross, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-560086 have changed my name from Dhanush to Dhanush.A, vide affidavit dated 28-04-2023 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 25986/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Thota China Penchalaiah ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Thota China Penchalaiah, S/o Sri. Thota Tirupathaiah, Aged about 47 years, No.108-7-34, 7th Cross, 5th Main Road, HGH Layout, Ganganagar, Beside Pena Bank, RT Nagar, Bangalore- 560 036

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 9,94,462/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Two Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief.

The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH-73)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **26.06.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **19.04.2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIF
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED Barkathulla, R/a No.9, 12th Main Road, 5th Block, HBR Layout 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560045 have changed my minor daughter's name from Ayesha Siddiqha to Zunera Barkath vide affidavit dt: 27.04.2023 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, B'luru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-57)
O.S. NO. 6259/2021

Between :
M/s ICICI Bank Limited,
having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007 and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068, through its authorised representative
Mr. Rohith Ali M ...Plaintiff
And :
Mr. P Dahriinai
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Ms. P Dahriinai
D/o. Puni Poutoukho, Aged about 29 Years, R/at 1/5, 8th Cross, Rama Temple Road, Ejipura Bus Stop, Opposite Bus Stop, Vivek Nagar Post, Bengaluru- 560 047.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 5,04,660/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LVI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-57), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 14/06/2023 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 17th day of April, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru -01.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ABHAYA Vinay Rao, residing at No 1&2, 1st Cross Palace Cross Road, Chakravarthy Layout, Behind Mahindra Showroom, Bengaluru-560020, have changed my name to Abhay Vinay Rao, Vide affidavit dated: 25.04.2023 before notary, Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-57)
O.S. NO. 2568/2021

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its Registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 and Branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068, through its authorised representative
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Harish Balusu
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Harish Balusu, S/o. Sarveswara Rao Balusu, Aged about 30 Years, Residing at Room No. 201, NNR Building, Akshaya PG, Near Thulasi Theatre, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs. 11,35,517/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LVI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru **(C.C.H.- 57),** in person or by a pleader, on the day of **14/06/2023** at **11:00 AM** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 17th day of April. 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar, Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru -01.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RASHMI @ Rashmi R, R/a No.107, 22/A, Comfort Sapthagiri, 33rd Main Road, Sarakki, J P Nagar, 6th Phase, Bengaluru-560078 have changed my name to Rashmi Manjunath vide affidavit dt: 28.04.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, SYED Vaseemuddin, R/a No.9, 12th Main Road, 5th Block, HBR Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560045 have changed my name to Mohammed Barkathulla vide affidavit dt: 27.04.2023 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, B'luru.

I, ANJUMOL, D/o Keerthi. K. N, R/at #57, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Vinayakanagar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560063 have changed my name from Anjumol to Anju. V. K. vide affidavit dated 28/04/2023 before Notary H. Sridhar Rao, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 26226/2019

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mythee Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Chakdhar Gyal ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Chakdhar Gyal,
S/o Sri. Tsering Sonam, Aged about 39 years, No. 60/P, Ground Floor, Chirayil House, JJ Church Road, 2nd Cross, Ejipura, Viveknagar, Bangalore- 560 047

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 5,38,790/- (Rupees Five Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-20)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **26/06/2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **20.04.2023**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PABITRA Kumar Dash, R/at C/o Mr. A. K. Sinha, 109, Kodagalahatti, Hunasaranahalli, Bangalore-562157, have changed my daughter name from Bindusri Dash to Bindushree Dash vide affidavit dated 28/04/2023 before Notary H. Sridhar Rao, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Gagan Leekha, S/o Ashok Kumar Leekha would like to Inform the General Public that I have lost my file containing Original Sale Deed and Rectification Deed of my Property being Residential Site no. 3, Khatha No. 73, Survey no. 113/2, admeasuring 2440 sq. feet situated in Residential Converted Layout known as CHANDRA KANTA INFINITY at Surajakkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangaluru District, Karnataka. If any one finds it kindly contact me at 7892120196 within 15 days from the date of issuance of this Advertisement.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 26882/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Rekha Shamra R L ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Rekha Shamra R L D/o Sri. Lakshman Sharma, Aged about 34 years, No. 22, Ground Floor, Bhuvanagiri, 4th Cross, Lakkasandra, Bangalore-560 030

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 4,92,027/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Two Thousand and Twenty Seven Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 73) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **19-06-2023** at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this **19th day of April, 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

SITUATION VACANT

GENERAL

KERALA STATE INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES LTD.
(A Government of Kerala Undertaking)
Thiruvananthapuram – 14, Ph: 0471-2326947.
www.ksie.net, email:careersksie@gmail.com

KSIE invites application for **11** numbers of X-ray Screeners on contract basis for **Calicut Air Cargo Complex**, **Karipur**, and **16** numbers of X-ray Screeners on contract basis for **Trivandrum Air Cargo Terminal, Trivandrum**, with a consolidated pay of Rs.35,000/- for experienced and Rs.25,000/- for beginners. For details of posts, Qualification, Experience and number of vacancies etc, visit www.ksie.net. The application may be submitted on or before 15/05/2023

Date:29/04/2023 Sd/- Managing Director

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25547/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Amrutbhai Ghanchi ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Amrutbhai Ghanchi S/o. Sri. Devabhai Ghanchi Aged about 30 years No. 47, 4th Cross, Malagala, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560 072

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 6,37,858/- (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eighty Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **26-06-2023** at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **20th day of April, 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

PUBLIC NOTICE
DOCUMENT LOST

I, **ATHER TABASSUM,** aged 48 years, W/o. **Mr. Javeed Pasha,** residing at No. 18, 1 st A-Cross, Right Side, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023, do hereby inform to the general public that I have lost the original Deed of Absolute Sale of property bearing Residential Vacant **Site No. 12, katha No. 92/4/12, (Old Katha No.92/4), Sathnur Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore** North Taluk, measuring East to West: 39-0 Feet, North to South: 30-0 Feet, In all Total Measuring 1170 Sq. ft., regd., registered before the Sub-Registrar, Jala, Bengaluru, vide **Document No. JAL-1-00919-2013-14, C.D. No. JALD171, of Book-I, dated 10-06-2013, executed by Sri. M. Mohan Raju, I/f. of Mrs. Ayesha Siddiqua.** Police complaint has been lodged and filed an FIR Lost Report No. 0547326/2023 dated: 27-04-2023. Finders may contact the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this notice. **ATHER TABASSUM - (M) No. 9741191596.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients intends to Purchase the immovable property being the Residential Property bearing Residential Property bearing Corporation **No.18,** formerly CITB Site No.291, BBMP PID No.5-46-18 Present UPOR Property ID Z47-S02-BF7, Situated at 14th A Cross Road, Vyalikaval Extension, BANGALORE – 560003, at BBMP Ward No.05 (Kodandarampuram) along with Residential House constructed thereon, which is morefully mentioned and described in the Schedule herein below from its present Owner **Smt. SUCHITHRA ISWAR PATIL@ SUCHITRA I PATIL,** aged about 56 Years W/o Eswar H. Patil Residing at # 18, 14th A Cross, Vayalikaval, Malleshwaram, BANGALORE- 560003.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property and documents thereof, against the owner or objecting to such Sale in favour of my client/s should lodge the claims with the undersigned within Fourteen **(14)** days of the issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property or any part thereof, after which period my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature in respect of the schedule property and proceed with the proposed Sale Transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being the Residential Property the Residential Property Residential Property bearing **Corporation No.18, formerly CITB Site No.291, BBMP PID No.5-46-18** Present UPOR Property ID Z47-S02-BF7, Situated at 14th A Cross Road, Vyalikaval Extension, BANGALORE–560003, at BBMP Ward No.05 (Kodandarampuram) along with Residential House constructed thereon measuring 10 Squares, presently within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, including all rights, privileges and appurtances and the Site Measuring: East to West :: 30 Feet
North to South :: 32 Feet
Totally measuring: 960 Square Feet
And bounded on the:
East by: Site No.290
West by: Site No.292
North by: Road
South by: Site No.295

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None too soon

Delay in conveying decision on assent to Bills is constitutionally impermissible

The Supreme Court has given a timely reminder to Governors that the Constitution expects that a decision to return a Bill to the State Assembly for reconsideration should be made "as soon as possible". It has drawn attention to the phrase found in the first proviso to Article 200, seeking to convey a sense of immediacy in the matter of returning a Bill. "The expression 'as soon as possible' contains significant constitutional content and must be borne in mind by constitutional authorities," the Court observed. This effectively means it would be constitutionally impermissible for Governors to hold on to Bills indefinitely without communicating their decision to the House. The Telangana Governor, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, against whose apparent inaction on several Bills the State had approached the Court, communicated to the Court that no Bills were pending with her, and that she had returned two Bills for reconsideration, while seeking further information from the government on a few others. Based on this, the Court disposed of the petition, but kept open questions that arose from the issue for consideration in an appropriate case. The Court's observation addresses the issue of delay, but it is only one aspect of the controversy. The issue of granting assent is seen in most parliamentary democracies as a formality, but the peculiar discretionary powers with which Governors are clothed in India have given much scope for controversy.

The Governor's power to withhold assent or return a Bill, with a message, for reconsideration is seen as discretionary. In the Constituent Assembly, it was explicitly clarified that returning a Bill was to be done only on advice, and that it was an enabling provision for a government to recall a pending Bill in case it had second thoughts on its advisability. There are three clear problems associated with Article 200, which deals with assent to Bills: the absence of a time limit for acting on Bills, the scope for reserving a Bill for the President's consideration against the express advice of the Cabinet and the claim that the Governor can kill any Bill by declining assent. The mischief lies in Article 163, which hedges the primary rule that the Governors function on the 'aid and advice' of the Cabinet, with a clause that prohibits any inquiry into whether a particular matter fell within their discretion or not. These provisions give abundant scope for conflict between the government and Raj Bhavan. There is no doubt that these ought to be changed, either by amending the Constitution or through an appropriate Supreme Court verdict, so that misuse of gubernatorial discretion can be kept in check.

Tackling the threat

Negotiation, not nuclear deterrence, is the way to peace in Korean Peninsula

On the 70th anniversary of the U.S.-South Korea alliance, South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol not only sang "American Pie" at the White House but also sealed an important cooperation agreement with his American counterpart Joe Biden to protect the Korean Peninsula from a nuclear attack by the likes of North Korea. Under the new pact, labelled the "Washington Declaration", U.S. strategic assets will be deployed around the Korean Peninsula and a joint Nuclear Consultative Group will share tactical information, engage in joint training, and coordinate military responses to any potentially hostile actions by North Korea. While Washington will remain the sole authority deciding on whether or not to carry out a nuclear response in any such eventuality, the Biden administration will step up its contribution to symbolic deterrence against the North by sending, for the first time in 40 years, nuclear-armed submarines to the region, though they are unlikely to be a permanent deployment. U.S. tactical nuclear weapons stationed in South Korea were withdrawn from the region in 1991. Mr. Biden also used strong words to corroborate the strategic support that Washington has lent to Seoul, when he said, "A nuclear attack by North Korea against the U.S., its allies or... partners is unacceptable and will result in the end of whatever regime were to take such an action" – language that was similar to what former U.S. President Donald Trump had used in a similar context.

The backdrop for this vote of nuclear confidence by the U.S. for its treaty ally is the steady growth of North Korea's nuclear arsenal, notwithstanding the short-lived hopes for a détente between Mr. Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un after their summit meeting in Singapore in 2018. While during the early years after the North first tested a nuclear bomb in 2006 there was less concern over Pyongyang launching a coordinated attack on South Korea or beyond, in recent years, including during the Trump and Biden administrations, North Korea has steadily added to its stock of ICBMs capable of reaching U.S. cities, most recently testing a solid-fuel ICBM and altering its nuclear doctrine to include the option to carry out pre-emptive strikes. While the "iron-clad" treaty between the U.S. and South Korea will strengthen the nuclear umbrella extended by Washington across the Korean Peninsula, the White House would be loath to risk any skirmish that could endanger U.S. citizens. However distant the prospect seems at the moment, the only way out of this dangerously unstable stalemate is for both sides to return to the negotiating table and find modalities to deescalate the situation on the ground and institutionalise peace-building initiatives in the longer term.

The women's reservation Bill cannot wait any longer

Reena Gupta
is National Spokesperson, Aam Aadmi Party

Even though women have been breaking the glass ceiling of patriarchy in every sector, politics is the arena where women find it the most challenging to find space. India may have achieved suffrage early, but women still face significant barriers to political participation and do not have the right to govern. It is disheartening to witness that even 75 years after Independence, Parliament lacks substantial representation from half the population, with women holding just 14% of the seats. It is time to acknowledge the systematic exclusion of women from politics and demand action to create a more equitable political landscape.

A regression after a promising start

Women played a crucial role in India's fight for independence, by organising demonstrations, leading rallies, and raising awareness. There were numerous female representatives in the Constituent Assembly as well. Just a decade ago, three of India's largest States, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh, were in the spotlight for being led by women Chief Ministers. While Sushma Swaraj led the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Sonia Gandhi served as both President of the Congress Party and Chairperson of the United Progressive Alliance. Also, India had its first woman President, Pratibha Patil around the same time.

Despite the presence of influential women in Indian politics, we have regressed since the 1980s and patriarchal backlash has resulted in the status of women in India being far from ideal. Hence it will not be wrong to infer that the issue of political representation of women is a greater case, as opposed to having token representation.

The discourse on women's reservation in India originates from the pre-Independence era when several women's organisations demanded political representation for women. It can be traced back to 1955 when a government appointed committee recommended that 10% of seats in the Lok Sabha and State legislative assemblies should be reserved for women. However, it was not until the 1980s that the demand for women's reservations gained momentum. The National Perspective Plan for Women (1988) recommended that 30% of seats in all elected bodies should be reserved for women. This recommendation was reiterated in the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women, which was adopted in 2001.

> With ample evidence of women leaders making a mark, India ought not to overlook the pivotal role women can play in nation building and development

In 1993, the Panchayati Raj Act was amended to reserve 33% of all seats in local government bodies for women, which was a significant step towards women's political empowerment. The success of this reservation led to demands for similar reservations in other elected bodies; in 1996, the Women's Reservation Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha. The Bill proposed to reserve one-third of seats in the Lok Sabha and State legislative Assemblies for women. However, facing strong opposition from some political parties it lapsed but gained more momentum again in the early 2000s. On March 9, 2010, the Bill was approved in the Rajya Sabha. Sonia Gandhi, Sushma Swaraj, and Brinda Karat of the CPI(M) posed for photographs outside Parliament, smiling and holding hands, indicating that this was a fight much bigger than individual political affiliations.

Global examples

Around the world, women leaders are outperforming their male counterparts. The Scandinavian countries have implemented policies and governance structures that support gender equality and women's empowerment, which includes women's representation in political and leadership positions.

Moreover, countries led by women have shown to have some of the best policies and governance practices. The deep scars in Rwanda, a central African nation, from the genocide, are being healed by predominantly a leadership that comprises women; this has also resulted in key social reforms.

Norway implemented a quota system in 2003 that required 40% of seats on corporate boards to be occupied by women. Now, it is time for the women in India, the 'mother of democracy', to lead the nation.

A *neta* in '*Amrit Kaal*'?

Babasaheb Ambedkar was of the opinion that the progress of a community can be measured by the degree of progress which women have achieved, but we are still far away from that benchmark. Equality cannot wait any longer and the time for change is now. Women have been waiting for too long for their right to govern – not just for themselves but for the greater common good. Women's leadership qualities are not hidden from anyone, so the denial of opportunity for political representation represents grave injustice.

A nation that still struggles to provide basic health care and education, necessary for the dignified life of citizens, must now let women take charge of the task of transforming India.

As India strives to become a Vishwa Guru, we must not overlook the pivotal role women can play in nation building and development. The women's reservation Bill cannot wait any longer. The Bill must be passed.

IPL, an opportunity to bat for climate action

Ankit Jain
is Co-founder and CEO at StepChange

Pranav Suresh
is Engagement Manager at StepChange

The 16th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL), March to May 2023, kicked off with a coin toss by captains Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Chennai Super Kings) and Hardik Pandya (Gujarat Titans), in Ahmedabad, on March 31, and over 20 crore Indians tuned in to catch the excitement. Beyond being just a cricket tournament, the IPL is a cultural phenomenon that has captured the hearts of millions of fans worldwide. It has contributed significantly to India's economy through sports tourism, employment generation, and infrastructure development. The fact is that the IPL is one of India's most significant cultural and economic events. But beyond the excitement and spectacle of the sport, an event as big as the IPL also has a significant environmental footprint. As we know, India has committed to reaching net-zero emissions by 2070, and has also committed to reducing the emissions Intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030. Given this context, an examination of the environmental impact of India's biggest summer festival and an exploration of ways to make it more sustainable are ideal.

Recent years have seen growing recognition of the impact of sports on climate change and vice-versa. Although international efforts have been made to address the environmental impact of large-scale sports events, including the International Olympic Committee's mandatory commitment to climate action for candidate cities and the F1's commitment to switch to 100% sustainable fuel by 2026, the question whether enough is being done remains.

What gets measured, gets managed

Specifically, for the IPL, studies estimate that a single match produces emissions in the range of 10,000 tCO_2e to 14,000 tCO_2e (or tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent). Over a season, this figure can reach up to 750k tCO_2e to 900k tCO_2e. To contextualise these emissions, it would take tropical forests the size of Singapore over a whole year to absorb these emissions.

In 2018, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) signed an agreement to implement the concept of 'zero waste' or 'green protocol' to reduce wastage from cricket stadiums. This is a step in the right direction. But a deeper dive and a more quantitative examination of efforts to make the IPL more sustainable was needed.

> With the impact of climate change being felt across many aspects of cricket, this popular event can in turn shape attitudes towards sustainability and awareness.

Stadiums and facilities might often be perceived as one of the biggest contributors to carbon emissions. However, a comprehensive emissions assessment shows a different story. The emissions generated by sports venues only account for about 5% of the total, whereas digital viewership during events such as the IPL contribute to more than three-fourths to the total emissions footprint. In addition, data centres are the secondmost significant contributor to emissions, something that might often go unnoticed. Spectator travel, luxury accommodation, and backup generators round up the list of top five emitters.

Large-scale sporting events such as the IPL have a complex and multifaceted impact on the environment, and the lack of reliable data on carbon emissions hinders the ability to plan and execute effective policies.

Adopting climate tech and leveraging existing tech advancements are crucial in quickly and accurately measuring emissions from various sources. This data can be used to set targets, track progress, and select cost-effective alternatives.

Simple changes such as replacing LCD screens in our homes with energy-efficient LED displays can reduce the emission from each TV screen by 35%-40%, resulting in as much as a 20% reduction in the overall carbon footprint of such highly televised sports tournaments. A transition to renewable energy sources for the data centres and data streaming infrastructure can further reduce the IPL's carbon emissions by over 10%. Further, the incentivisation and use of public transport to and from stadiums can help reduce spectator travel emissions by as much as 85%.

One of the most pressing challenges on the path to achieving a Net Zero society is the urgent need for a rapid transition to more sustainable alternatives. The current status of global temperatures underscores the importance of raising awareness and increasing the speed of this transition. Global temperatures are already over 1.1°C above pre-industrial levels, and India has experienced 11 of the 15 warmest years (2007-2021). In February 2023, India experienced its hottest February since record keeping began in 1901, with the India Meteorological Department attributing the record heat to global warming.

The impact of climate change is being felt across multiple aspects of cricket. Changing weather patterns are affecting players, spectators, and ground conditions. For example, a 2019 report by the Marylebone Cricket Club's World Cricket committee found that climate change is altering the sport's landscape, impacting the length of the cricket season, and disrupting the playability of pitches. Furthermore, the increasing intensity of heatwaves and worsening air quality in India have raised concerns for player safety during some of the matches. This is a matter that needs urgent attention as the cricketing calendar has grown ever busier in recent years, with the IPL, the most lucrative cricket league in the world, playing a significant role.

As a voice in climate action

The IPL has a unique opportunity to take a lead role in promoting climate action by prioritising sustainability. The organisation's broad social platform can influence attitudes towards sustainability and reach out to people from all backgrounds and areas. By promoting education and awareness around environmental issues, the IPL can encourage a healthier, more sustainable lifestyle.

Climate change is arguably humankind's fight for survival on earth; we are nearing, if not already at tipping point, where it is almost now or never. Just like a great match, achieving a Net Zero society requires team effort, with each sector of the economy playing a crucial role. To tackle climate change effectively, it is necessary to adopt a strong multisectoral approach. An event as big as the IPL is an opportunity to build awareness about the Net Zero transition, expanding on existing efforts and accelerating the journey to Net Zero.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Maoist attack

It is disheartening that yet another meticulously planned and well-calculated ambush has claimed the lives of our security personnel. The Maoist problem is a long-standing one, arising from socio-economic issues. It may be recalled that at one point, demonetisation was hailed as the panacea to wipe out terrorism and Naxalism from the country. The Dantewada attack only makes it imperative that the government adopt a holistic and whole-hearted approach to root out the menace of naxalism.

Satyanarayan Padhee,
Bargarh, Odisha

The words of the former Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, in 2009, still ring true: "Naxalism is "the greatest internal security threat to our country."

Anti-insurgency operations seem to be falling short and lapses are distressing. The network of informers must be neutralised. It is time to revisit the anti-insurgency operations in earnest.

Prabhu Raj R.,
Bengaluru

India-China talks

The relationship between India and China is undoubtedly one that is hostile. The consistent breach of agreements by China has only worsened ties.

Both countries ought to realise that their border talk meetings are becoming more symbolic and are largely futile. By all accounts, China appears to be striving to enhance its bargaining power during several rounds of meetings with its transgressions.

Aanya Singhal,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Illegal sand mining

The murder of a village administrative officer in Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu should awaken the Tamil Nadu government from its deep slumber and take stringent action against a cabal with political links and those in the construction business. The culprits are black sheep in certain government departments. There are also certain elements with powerful political connections who are plundering natural resources.

K. Chellappan,
Chennai

Insensitive

The case of certain remarks having been made by the top leader, at a conclave of a private channel (Inside pages, "Opposition leaders flay PM's remarks, says suicide is not a joke", April 28), is one of insensitivity. Whatever the defence being made in some quarters about the "joke", the point is that there needs to be an understanding of the seriousness of mental health issues. One wonders how family members and friends grieving over the loss of loved ones would have felt. There are young people in distress, especially students, and there is a need to improve mental health services to save lives.

G. David Milton,
Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu

Drama in real life

The report on mountaineer Baljeet Kaur getting a second lease of life after she went missing during a mountain trek to the summit of Annapurna 1, is a tale of incredible grit and determination. (Inside pages, April 28). It is a reminder that extraordinary courage and mountaineering skills can work in the face of adversity.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

Harry Belafonte

He was a "barrier-smashing singer, actor and civil rights activist". The passing of Harry Belafonte, singer and civil rights activist, is a great loss.

He dismantled several stereotypes and broke racial barriers in the U.S. It is rare to find a singer-actor go beyond his field to work tirelessly for the welfare of the downtrodden. In this respect, Belafonte was a pioneer in several path-breaking movements. His legacy of unfettered commitment to make a difference to the lives of the oppressed must not be allowed to fade away and instead, continue to guide humanity in its quest for an equitable world.

Vijay Singh Adhikari,
Nainital, Uttarakhand

'Royals' day

Thursday's match at the Sawai Mansingh stadium, Jaipur ('Sport' page, April 28) was disappointing. Yashasvi Jaiswal's onslaught sealed the fate of CSK. CSK's Devon Conway could not find his rhythm and the team's batting line up was humbled by the might of Adam Zampa and Ravichandran Ashwin at the most crucial moments.

A.P. Thiruvadi,
Chennai

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Despite the epidemic levels of drug addiction, the Valley has very few de-addiction centres. A drug de-addiction centre in Srinagar. NISSAR AHMAD

The growing problem of substance abuse in J&K

With official figures confirming anecdotal evidence of growing substance abuse in Jammu and Kashmir, doctors, school authorities and the administration are searching for ways to curb the availability and use of drugs. **Peerzada Ashiq** reports on the crisis in the Valley

Thirty-eight-year-old Kamran Ahmad (name changed) from Srinagar still gets goosebumps when he recalls the events that unfolded in the summer of 2022. A government employee, he had become a habitual user of heroin, he says, under peer influence. "I would take one to two grams of heroin per day," recalls Ahmad.

To sustain the addiction, Ahmad sold his two cars and a shop, straining his relationship with his father, wife and child in the process. One day, his family decided to take him outside Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) for rehabilitation, to avoid social stigma. A drug de-addiction centre based in Chandigarh charged the family around ₹10,000 to pick up a reluctant Ahmad from Srinagar. An ambulance arrived with bouncers.

"I would get beaten up quite often at the centre, where I was kept in a dormitory-type facility. I was warned against breaking rules, like making noise or laughing loudly. If anyone did any of these things, the bouncers would punch them in the face. I was given no medication," Ahmad says. He had two stints of rehab outside J&K.

According to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, an estimated 10 lakh residents in a population of 1.25 crore (or 8%) were drug addicts in J&K in 2019-20. The Ministry said that 1,08,000 men and 36,000 women were found abusing cannabis; 5,34,000 men and 8,000 women were found consuming opioids; 1,60,000 men and 8,000 women were found using sedatives of different kinds; and 1,27,000 men and 7,000 women were reported to be on inhalants.

A traumatised people

It is clear that Kashmir is in the throes of a dangerous crisis. On the one hand, over three decades of conflict have left the population scarred, and mental illnesses are rampant in the Valley. "Substance use and poor mental health have a bidirectional impact," says Dr. Yasir Rather, an Associate Professor at the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences-Kashmir (IMHANS-K). "Poor mental health leads to substance use. Self-medication of benzodiazepine, codeine, etc. was prevalent till 2014. The latest trend shows use of hard-core drugs like heroin and cannabis."

A mental health survey conducted in 2016 by the Médecins Sans Frontières and the Kashmir University suggested that 45% of people in the Valley faced distress, 41% adults had probable depression, 26% had probable anxiety and 19% had probable Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. "An adult living in the Kashmir Valley, on an average, has witnessed or experienced 7.7 traumatic events during their lifetime. While 93% of people experienced conflict-related trauma, 94% experienced trauma due to natural disasters," the survey said.

On the other hand, exposure to the virtual world, especially addiction to social media, is acting as a force multiplier. Nazia Jan (name changed), 18, attends a college in Srinagar for her Bachelor of Arts degree. She hardly misses classes and her performance in examinations is up to the mark. There is nothing outward to suggest that she's a heroin user.

"I was influenced by the reels and write-ups on social media platforms about drug use by famous actresses such as Drew Barrymore, Lindsay Lohan and Marilyn Monroe. I began to taste wine first, then cannabis and now heroin," says Jan, who is undergoing treatment in Srinagar. She developed relationships with multiple boys, including drug peddlers, who kept the supply moving.

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> **MUZAFFAR KHAN**
> Clinical psychologist

Types of substance abuse

Dr. Arshad Hussian, Professor at the Department of Psychiatry at the Government Medical College, Srinagar, has mapped the trend of substance abuse in Kashmir: "Historically, cannabis was consumed by locals in the name of Sufism or spirituality. In the 1990s, when the conflict started, people took to prescription opioids to fight traumatic experiences. This was replaced by cannabis in the late 1990s, which was meant to make people feel better amid all the gloom. However, the heroin abuse that we're seeing now at a mass level is perplexing. This generation is doing it for self-harm. They get high by inflicting pain on themselves, which is worrying."

According to IMHANS-K, heroin was the most common opioid among 84.33% of the respondents surveyed in 2019-2020. It was also the most common opioid among Injection Drug Users (IDUs). Heroin is a costly drug and poses a financial burden for addicts. "The monthly average expense incurred by a heroin user is ₹88,183.58," Dr. Rather says.

He also points to the worrying trend of sharing needles or syringes, which are key risk factors for transmission of infections like human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV).

Of late, there have been reports in Kashmir of young men dying suddenly, and such deaths have mostly been attributed to cardiac arrests. However, doctors suspect many of these deaths could be due to drug overdose, especially heroin.

Dr. Muzaffar Khan, Clinical Psychologist at the police-run Youth Development and Rehabilitation Centre in Srinagar's Eidgah for drug addicts, says he traced three deaths in Srinagar in a fortnight in March-April this year due to drug overdose. "Two were from Rambagh and one from the Parimpora area. Because of stigma, these deaths are attributed to cardiac arrests," he says.

Alarm bells

The trend of couples abusing drugs together is indicative of another dangerous trend taking root in Kashmir.

In 2022, Dr. Rather attended to a case, something he had not seen yet during his 16-year-old practice, from south Kashmir. He and a team of doctors, including gynaecologists and paediatricians, handled a newborn baby with withdrawal symptoms.

"Both parents of the baby were drug abusers. The father, who was using opioids and cannabis, managed to coax his wife into it. In the meantime, the mother conceived a baby. The good part was the case was reported to us. We had to adopt a multi-disciplinary approach to have the delivery in Srinagar and save the baby," he says.

The psychiatrists decided on oral substitution therapy, whereby opioid-dependants are injected with opioid derivatives under medical supervision. "We prepared small doses as per the body mass of the baby, who was undergoing severe chest distress because of the withdrawals. It took us around three weeks to attend to the baby's withdrawal and other symptoms," Dr. Rather explains. "If the baby had not been treated on time, the chances of survival would have been slim. What is surprising is that the parents were well read, but they were consuming heroin."

Dr. Rather attended to two babies in 2022 with withdrawal symptoms whose parents were drug addicts. "We saw a pattern where a drug addict marries another drug abuser once they consume drugs in peer groups. Mostly it is with mutual consent," he says.

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> Associate Professor at IMHANS-K

According to a IMHANS study, around 1.67% of the total drug abusers in Kashmir were women, with 16% of them married. "Women have different drug use patterns compared to men. Women working outside J&K or under peer pressure get hooked to drugs, mainly opioids. Besides, personality disorders such as borderline personality disorder and anti-social issues were also found among female drug abusers. There are cases where they are abused, even sexually, and used for drug peddling," he says.

According to data at the Drug De-Addiction Unit of IMHANS, only 10 women came forward for treatment in 2020; this figure rose to 48 in the January-August period in 2022. Another IMHANS study found that Kupwara district in north Kashmir had a substantial number of female substance users followed by Budgam in central Kashmir. "In comparison to the rest of India where female substance use is dominant with alcohol use, in the current study female drug use is completely overshadowed by injection heroin use," it pointed out. Doctors fear that female addicts could be reluctant to seek treatment due to factors such as the stigma attached to substance use and shyness.

Mapping the districts

Kashmir comprises 10 districts. The IMHANS-K estimated that the mean age was 17.64 years for first use of alcohol and 17.25 years for first use of cannabis in Srinagar district, whereas the other districts had an age range of 19-24 years for alcohol and an age range of 18-32 years for cannabis. "The district of Anantnag is reported to have the earliest use of pharmaceutical opioids with a mean age of 19.61 years," the report says. Baramulla and Kulgam districts had the highest number of participants using opioids. The drug network was reported to be the highest in Shopian, while Pulwama ranked the lowest. For women alone, Budgam ranked the highest.

Dr. Khan thinks it is time to start screening in schools and colleges. "The students as well as staff should be screened multiple times a year. This will help to detect any trend very early and address it," he says.

Educational institutions share his worry. Dr. Sameena Wani, principal at a government higher secondary in Srinagar, has submitted a report on drug and substance abuse in secondary and higher secondary school students of Srinagar to the District Institute of Education and Training, Srinagar, to frame a comprehensive policy.

Dr. Wani conducted a survey in 40 schools covering 3,100 students. "The findings show that less than 50% of the girl students were aware of the causes of drug abuse, while boys (68%) were more aware about the causes and consequences of drug abuse," she says.

Both boys (25% from high schools and 27% from higher secondary schools) and girls (5.8% from high schools and 12.04 % from higher secondary schools) indicated that they knew other students who were taking drugs. The findings established that among boys, tobacco or cigarettes use was highest (65.09%) followed by morphine (45.06%), opium (40.84%) and bhang (34.4%). The responses from the girl students also indicated the same order: tobacco (47.36%) followed by opium (31.57%) and bhang (28.69%).

"A school-based intervention plan should include procedures that provide care, counselling and support, professional development and training for relevant staff," says Dr. Wani.

Despite the epidemic levels of drug addiction, the Valley has very few de-addiction centres. The J&K government has inspected many facilities but is dragging its feet in issuing any fresh registrations. Dr. Khan, whose centre is a rare one to offer a de-addiction programme, calls for improving screening in hospitals across the Union Territory. Screening for drug abuse is mainly done in tertiary care hospitals. "We need to have life-saving drugs available in all district hospitals for drug overdose," he says.

There are also other challenges. "There are incidents of drug addicts manipulating urine samples," Dr. Khan says. "Many get urine samples shipped from online sites. It is not bad company that parents need to keep an eye on, but bad use of the Internet. Synthetic drugs and their sale online are another challenge."

Easy availability

While opium is fast replacing cannabis fields in south Kashmir as the centre of supply, heroin gets smuggled across the Line of Control (LoC), especially into Kupwara, Baramulla, Poonch and Rajouri districts.

According to official figures, approximately 150 acres of illicit poppy cultivation and 407 acres of illicit cannabis were destroyed in 2021. "Fukki and Khash-khash (extract of poppy) trade has become an elaborate chain in south Kashmir. There are villages where, on the pretext of collecting home-grown garlic from women, vendors collect dry fukki. Women know who the peddlers are. It is exported outside J&K too," Dr. Khan says.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, which suspended cross-LoC trade in 2019, cited narcotics smuggling as one of the reasons. However, narcotics smuggling has continued. According to the Baramulla police, the first three months of 2023 saw recovery of contraband, including brown sugar and heroin, worth ₹4.75 crore. The Baramulla police have registered 75 cases and arrested 113 persons dealing with drugs, including seven under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA). In Kupwara, three people, including a Central Reserve Police Force personnel, were arrested for their role in smuggling 11 kg of heroin worth ₹70 crore from across the LoC. In Srinagar, 52 drug peddlers were arrested under the PSA last year, and a process has been initiated to seal the houses of "notorious peddlers," says an official.

"Cross-border narco-trade has been going on for some time now. Pakistan is pushing drugs to generate funds for terrorism activities. Consignments of drugs, arms and cash have been seized in the Poonch-Rajouri belt, and some inter-state connections are also emerging. Comprehensive strategies are in place to foil inimical attempts," says J&K Director General of Police Dilbag Singh.

The growing crackdown by the J&K police on peddlers may have resulted in a decline in the easy availability of heroin in Kashmir, but the growing number of drug users in J&K continues to compound the challenges for the administration.

Authorities destroying cannabis in Awantipora, South Kashmir. NISSAR AHMAD

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Delhi Police register 2 FIRs in wrestlers' case

Mr. Sibal placed on record an affidavit in a sealed cover on behalf of the alleged minor victim, highlighting the "apparent danger to her safety". The court directed the Delhi Police Commissioner to undertake a threat assessment exercise and provide adequate security to the minor. The court said it would not "stand in the way" of the Police Commissioner undertaking a similar threat assessment regarding the safety of the other six wrestlers, who are petitioners in the case, and provide them security if required.

The Bench directed the Delhi Police to file an affidavit by the next date of hearing, May 5, detailing the steps taken to protect the petitioners. Mr. Mehta, however, objected to the petitioners' plea that the Supreme Court should monitor the investigation.Mr. Sibal indicated that the police had moved only after the case reached the Supreme Court. A formal complaint was made in January. But the court said it would not delve into issues like monitoring of the probe or forming an STF at this stage.

(With inputs from Samridhi Tewari)

'Fix accountability on supporters of terrorism'

India believes in maintaining peace and security based on UN Charter provisions, Mr. Singh stressed, while stating that India is committed towards defence capacity building of SCO member states for shared security interests. "A secure, stable, and prosperous region will improve the quality of life of people of each nation." The meet was attended in person by Defence Ministers of China, Russia, Iran, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. From Pakistan, the Special advisor to Prime Minister on Defence, Malik Ahmed Khan, joined through video conference. A Defence Ministry statement said that at the end of the deliberations, all the SCO member countries signed a protocol, expressing their "collective will to make the region secure, peaceful, and prosperous".

Addressing the media after the meeting, Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane stated that all the member nations arrived at consensus on several areas of cooperation, including dealing with terrorism, security of vulnerable populations, as well as HADR (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief). On the sidelines of the meeting, Mr. Singh held bilaterals with counterparts from Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Belarus.

On the meeting with Russian Defence Minister General Sergei Shoigu, the Ministry said that the two Ministers discussed wide-ranging issues of bilateral defence cooperation, including military-to-military ties as well as industrial partnership.

India airlifts 754 citizens from war-torn Sudan

The Saudi port has emerged as the mid-point, where with the cooperation of the Saudi authorities, India has set up a coordination centre. As per official estimates, the total number of Indians in Sudan is around 3,400 with around 1,000 PIOs (Persons of Indian Origin) who have been residing in Sudan for generations.

Jawahar Mithani, a veteran Indian businessman who was evacuated on Thursday to Mumbai, said that after Saturday no member of the Gujarati community based in Sudan will remain in Khartoum as last of the buses carrying the Gujarati families will leave by Saturday.

With Friday's evacuation, the focus of Operation Kaveri is now shifting to those groups of Indians who live in distant parts of Sudan away from Khartoum. This is likely to be a more challenging part of the operation as many are caught up in places like El Fashir in Darfur which is highly volatile at the moment.

SC stays Calcutta HC judge's order

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NEW DELHI

In a special sitting at 8 p.m. on Friday, the Supreme Court stayed a Calcutta High Court judge's order to place before him, by midnight, documents based on which the top court earlier in the day reassigned a case from him.

A Special Bench of Justices A.S. Bopanna and Hima Kohli agreed with Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta that Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay "ought not to have passed the order" keeping in view judicial discipline. The case in question concerns the sensational and politically sensitive West Bengal school job-for-bribe scam case. The case is under investigation by the CBI and the ED. The role of Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee is under probe.

Mr. Banerjee had recently moved SC against Justice Gangopadhyay giving a TV interview in which the judge allegedly talked about the case pending before him and even the role of Mr. Banerjee. The SC, on April 24, had asked the Calcutta High Court Registrar General to prepare a transcript of the interview and submit before it. On Friday, the CJI Bench went through the transcript and directed the Calcutta High Court Chief Justice to transfer the case from Justice Gangopadhyay to another judge.

A fight to secure strongholds ahead of Karnataka poll

NEWS ANALYSIS

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The Karnataka Assembly election this time around was, according to rhetoric, supposed to be transformative. It was to make the BJP go beyond the Lingayat votebank, the Congress beyond the Vokkaliga and Ahinda base and the Janata Dal(S) beyond its pocket borough of Hassan and Mandya. Just two weeks ahead of the results, however, each party is fighting to retain its traditional support base. The dreams of expansion have been put on hold as the parties fight a rearguard action.

This was the election where the ruling BJP was planning to do a Gujarat in Karnataka, that is, phase out a generation of leaders and also reduce the overwhelming dependence on just one big caste group, the Lingayats. The BJP gave 47 tickets to the Vokkaliga community, and 37 to the Scheduled Castes, two more than the seats reserved for SCs. The party also tied up with Independent MP Sumalatha Ambareesh in Mandya, Old Mysore, the home of Vokkaliga domination and a place where the BJP hardly gets traction.

But as senior Lingayat leaders such as Jagadish Shettar and Laxman Savadi rebelled and crossed over to other parties, the party faced the prospect of the Lingayat community being less than enthusiastic in supporting it, if not voting against it, a situation where the Congress would gain considerably.

As poll fever rages in Karnataka, political parties are working overtime to bolster their support base. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Consolidation tactics

On Tuesday morning therefore, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa got an urgent call from the party high command to direct some of his firepower at Hubballi where Mr. Shettar is now the Congress candidate taking on the BJP. And while it could well be as BJP national president J.P. Nadda said in an interview to *The Hindu*, that rebels from the BJP rarely fare well in other parties, Mr. Yediyurappa spent considerable time firefighting. A lot of the campaigning fire power is also directed at north Karnataka, where the Lingayat community holds sway, and upset at Mr. Yediyurappa's removal as the Chief Minister and the rebellions of senior leaders, is holding its cards close to its chest.

This should be good news for the Congress, which, initially did much to capitalise on the BJP's troubles by inducting both Mr. Shettar and Mr. Savadi, and giving out a message that the ill will between the Congress and the Lingayat community, on since the 1991 removal of Veerendra Patil from the Chief Minister's seat, was past. The Congress has given 51 seats to Lingayat candidates, and claims that if the community even shifts 20% to its corner, it can get a majority in the Assembly.

But the announcement of a reservation policy by the Bommai government of sub-division within the quota for Scheduled Castes, an issue that was hanging fire for long, has awakened the Congress to the possibility that the BJP may yet salami-slice the SC bloc as it did in Uttar Pradesh, hurting the Congress the most. The Congress is therefore announcing that it would roll back the reservation policy and try and bring up the total reservation tranche from 50% to 75%.

A fiery campaign spell by Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge, who has deep support among the SC communities, and by former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is aimed at safeguarding the Congress's base.

JD(S)'s worries

For the Janata Dal (S), this is a make or break election, with the Gowda family patriarch and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda possibly fighting his last election. The JD(S) poached and welcomed rebels from other parties, putting up at least 28 of its 212 candidates in this way. Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy also gave statements designed to prod the faultlines between the Lingayat and Brahmin communities by stating that the removal of Mr. Yediyurappa was done to ultimately usher in a "Peshwai" rule, that is of Marathi Brahmin descent, a direct reference to Union Minister Pralhad Joshi.

While this was being stirred up, a family dispute over the prestigious Hassan seat, a pocket borough of the Gowda family cropped up with Bhavani Revanna, wife of former Minister H. D. Revanna, brother to Mr. Kumaraswamy asking for the seat. Mr Kumaraswamy put his foot down, and nominated H.P. Swaroop, a close aide. The family feud has been quietened down perhaps to be taken up once polls are done, but it has prompted Mr. Deve Gowda to attempt campaigning in Hassan in his 90th year, a display of a doughty spirit but also a worried heart.

As all the three parties are harking more or less back to base, it promises to be an interesting election, but the question is will it be transformative.

Ban Shah, Adityanath from campaigning: Congress to EC

They made 'false, partisan and communal' statements during the campaign for electoral gains, the party says; BJP MLA, in response to Kharge's remark on PM, asks if Sonia Gandhi is '*visha kanya*'

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NEW DELHI/KALABURAGI

The Congress on Friday approached the Election Commission to bar Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath from campaigning for the Assembly election in Karnataka for their alleged statements against the minority community.

The move comes just a day after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's "poisonous snake" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

A delegation of senior Congress leaders, including Abhishek Singhvi, Pawan Kumar Bansal and Mukul Wasnik, met the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and the Election Commissioners to allege that Mr. Shah and Mr. Adityanath made "false, partisan and communal" statements during the campaign for electoral gains.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge during a poll campaign at Basavanagudi constituency in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

"They have made statements clearly against the minority community... We have asked for a ban on campaigning by such persons," Mr. Singhvi said.

BJP MLA hits back

Meanwhile, BJP MLA and former Union Minister Basanagouda Patil Yatnal on Friday asked whether former Congress president Sonia Gandhi was a "*visha kanya*" (venomous woman) in an apparent attempt to counter Mr. Kharge's remark.

Addressing a campaign rally at Yelburga in Koppal district in North Karnataka, Mr. Yatnal said, "Mallikarjun Kharge called Narendra Modi a cobra.. Is Sonia Gandhi, who you [Kharge] so heavily depend on, a *visha kanya*? Sonia Gandhi spoiled the country, and worked as an agent of China and Pakistan."

Reacting to the remarks, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar urged BJP president J.P. Nadda to expel Mr. Yatnal from the BJP. Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala said the BJP and its leaders in Karnataka have lost their mental and political balance. "Facing a rout in the Assembly poll, the BJP leadership is frustrated to the core and is hurling filth and muck, which is the product of their ugly character and dirty mindset of denigrating and insulting the Congress leadership. They have lost all sense of propriety, political balance and even a remote iota of decency and decorum," he said.

Legal options

Mr. Singhvi said the party would utilise all legal options available before it over the remark against the Congress leader. "It is a very derogatory and gutter-level remark against Sonia Gandhi.... We will use all legal options including the EC," he said.

Several senior Congress leaders took to Twitter to mount a scathing attack on Mr. Yatnal and claimed that he made those remarks at the behest of the party's top leadership.

BJP asks EC to file a case against Kharge over Modi remark

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bhupender Yadav said the comment was a concerted effort at hate politics

The BJP on Friday asked the Election Commission (EC) to file a criminal case against Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and bar him from campaigning for the upcoming Karnataka Assembly election, over his comment comparing Prime Minister Narendra Modi to a "poisonous snake" while addressing an election rally on Thursday.

Mr. Kharge had later clarified that his remarks were not aimed at the Prime Minister, but at the BJP as a party.

A BJP delegation led by Union Minister for Labour Bhupender Yadav went to the EC and submitted a memorandum demanding the registration of an FIR under Indian Penal Code Sections 499 and 500, which deal with defamation, and Section 504, which deals with the offence of deliberate insults and provocation.

Accusing the Congress of trying to spread disharmony ahead of the Assembly poll, Mr. Yadav said that the comment was not merely a slip of the tongue but a concerted effort at hate politics.

"Election Commission is empowered under Article 324 of the Constitution of India to ensure that no one indulges in making false, unverified, baseless allegations to violate electoral laws and indulge in behaviour which tear apart the sanctity of the MCC [Model Code of Conduct]," said the BJP's memorandum.

'Modi gets stronger'

Meanwhile, addressing a rally in Gadag district of Karnataka on Friday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, "The whole world is praising Modi*ji* as he has totally changed the image of India. However, people like AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge call him venomous snake. Earlier Sonia Gandhi had called him *Maut ka soudagar*... With each such abuse Modi*ji* is getting stronger."

121 people rescued from an unprepared airstrip in Sudan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a two-and-a-half hour midnight operation from war-torn Sudan, a C-130J aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) rescued 121 people from a small airstrip at Wadi Sayyidna, which is about 40 km north of Khartoum during the early hours of Friday. The passengers who were flown to Jeddah included medical cases, including a pregnant woman, besides those who had no means to reach Port Sudan, the IAF said.

The airstrip in question had a degraded surface, with no navigational approach aids or fuel, and most critically landing lights that are required to guide an aircraft landing at night, the IAF said in a statement.

"Approaching the airstrip, the aircrew used their Electro-Optical/Infra Red sensors to ensure that the runway was free from any obstructions and no inimical forces were in the vicinity. Having made sure of the same, the aircrew carried out a tactical approach on Night Vision Goggles (NVG), on a practically dark night," it stated. The convoy was led by the Indian Defence Attaché, who was in continuous touch with IAF authorities all along, till they reached the airstrip at Wadi Sayyidna.

Upon landing, the aircraft engines were kept running while eight IAF Garud Commandos secured the passengers into the aircraft, the statement said adding that as with the landing, the take off from the unlit runway was also carried out using NVGs.

SC asks U.P. Police why Atiq was paraded to hospital, seeks report

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the Uttar Pradesh Police to explain why gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmad and his brother were "paraded" while being taken for medical examination to a hospital on the day they were shot to death at point-blank range in full view of TV cameras by assailants posing as journalists.

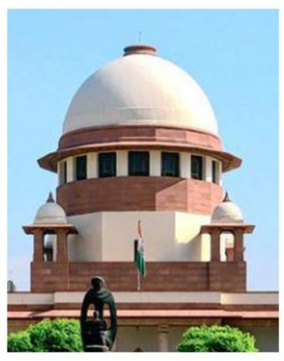
"We have seen the video footage...Why were they not taken to the entrance... Why were they paraded?" a Bench of Justices S. Ravindra Bhat and Dipankar Datta asked senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the State police.

The court further asked how the assassins knew the brothers would be brought to the Motilal Nehru Divisional hospital in Prayagraj on that day. "Police custody requires them to be brought for medical examination every two days... They [assailants], we learnt, had been coming there three days in a row," Mr. Rohatgi said.

Mr. Rohatgi said Ahmad, his son, who was killed in a police encounter a couple of days before the fatal shooting, and his family were "embroiled in heinous crimes".

The State sought to link the murders with the family's criminal past. Mr. Rohatgi said an Inquiry Commission with two former High Court Chief Justices and another judge has been constituted by the State. A Special Investigation Team has also been formed to probe the murders.

The court directed the State to file a comprehensive affidavit within three weeks, detailing the steps taken by the Uttar Pradesh government to inquire into the killings of Ahmad, his brother Ashraf, son Asad and an associate.



'Pattern in deaths'

Petitioner-advocate Vishal Tiwari said there was a "pattern" emerging in these deaths. He said the court should form an independent committee headed by a retired apex court judge. The present commission was formed by the State, whose very role is under the spotlight.

"Let them place the affidavit on record... If there is a pattern, we may ask the Commission to look into it along with other sample cases," the Bench said.

The court also sought the State to place on record follow-up measures taken by it on the basis of a report filed by a Commission headed by former Supreme Court judge, Justice B.S. Chauhan, into the Uttar Pradesh Police encounter of gangster Vikas Dubey in 2020.

The petition has alleged that the U.P. Police had gunned down 183 alleged criminals in encounters in the six years of the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath-led government and this included Asad and his accomplice.

Plaint against Jairam sent to privileges committee

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has referred a complaint by BJP MP Sudhanshu Trivedi against Congress Chief Whip Jairam Ramesh to the privileges committee for his alleged remarks against the Chair.

As per the Rajya Sabha bulletin issued on Thursday, Mr. Trivedi has filed a complaint against Mr. Ramesh for "continual and deliberate disrespectful observations against Chairman Rajya Sabha and casting aspersions on his impartiality". The committee has been asked to investigate the case further, but no deadline has been set for them.

In Friday's edition, it was erroneously reported that the complaint was against Mr. Trivedi. The error is regretted.

Drone dropped bullets, IED for Poonch strike: J&K Police

Nine to 12 foreign militants are suspected to have infiltrated into the Poonch-Rajouri sector; DGP Dilbagh Singh says attackers may have split into groups of two or three and gone into hiding

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

A drone was used to drop bullets and an improvised explosive device (IED) for the Poonch attack on April 20 and a local man has been arrested for his role in the strike, Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh Friday said on Friday.

Police identified the accused as Nisar Ahmad from Gursai village. The police suspected that nine to 12 foreign militants may have infiltrated into the Poonch-Rajouri sector. "They may have infiltrated recently and split into groups of two or three and are hiding in the region," Mr. Singh said during his visit to Rajouri.

Mr. Singh said that the arms and ammunition that were air-dropped by a drone for the attack was received by Ahmad.

Security personnel stand guard during a search operation at the Tota Gali, Numbar Gali area, in Poonch on Friday. ANI

"We are identifying the spot where the drone had dropped the weapons and cash. Nisar's arrest has given direction to the investigation and provided vital leads. He has been an active overground worker for terrorists since 1990 and was questioned in the past. He was involved in providing logistics and other support to terrorists, who carried out the Poonch attack," the DGP said.

The police have questioned around 200 people so far.

"As many as 12 suspects have been detained," he added.

Five soldiers were killed, and another was injured in a meticulously planned attack by militants, who ambushed a solitary Army vehicle. A sharpshooter killed the driver and others rained bullets from either side of the vehicle.

"It was carried out with active local support... An intense search to track the natural hideouts used by terrorists is being launched," the DGP said.

"A proper recce of the area was carried out. Despite rain, they succeeded in targeting the Army vehicle while negotiating the blind turn. The attackers knew the spot very well and the speed of the vehicle," Mr. Singh said.

ED conducts searches over misuse of church funds

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has conducted searches in five States as part of a money laundering probe into the alleged embezzlement of church funds.

The searches were undertaken at several locations including those in Pune (Maharashtra); Pachmarhi and Indore (Madhya Pradesh); Jalandhar (Punjab) and Kolkata (West Bengal). The investigation is based on a first information report (FIR) registered by the Economic Offences Wing of the Madhya Pradesh Police against P. C. Singh, former chairman of the Board Education Church of North India (Jabalpur).

Mr. Singh was arrested by the ED on April 12 and taken into custody for questioning.

INBRIEF

Lalu Prasad arrives in Patna, meets CM Nitish Kumar

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) workers and supporters looked charged up on the day when party supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav reached Patna after a gap of nine months. Mr. Yadav landed at the Patna airport at 3.20 p.m. along with his younger son and Deputy Chief Minister, Tejashwi Prasad Yadav. From the airport, he directly went to his residence. Mr. Yadav will be in Patna for the next week before going to Singapore for post-kidney transplant check-up. Later in the evening, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar also visited the Circular Road residence to meet Mr. Yadav and Mr. Tejashwi.

CBI examines Satya Pal Malik in insurance scheme case

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday examined former Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik as a witness in connection with a group health insurance scheme case. "A CBI team went to Mr. Malik's Delhi residence around noon and examined him for about five hours as a witness," said a CBI official. The agency had earlier recorded his statement in October last year. "They were inquiring about the insurance scheme which I had cancelled... I told them the truth," Mr. Malik told *The Hindu* on phone. In April last year, the agency had registered two cases following corruption allegations made by Mr. Malik.

Clashes in Churachandpur as bandh hits normal life

Fresh clashes broke out between demonstrators and police personnel in Manipur's Churachandpur town on Friday night, with the security forces using batons, tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the mob. Rumours are rife that several people were killed and injured in police action in the town, hours after a *bandh*, called by Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF), concluded at 4 p.m. However, no official confirmation was available. The eight-hour shutdown paralysed normal life in the tribal-dominated southern Manipur district. Earlier in the day, clashes erupted between demonstrators and police at Sadbhavna Mandap in New Lamka in Churachandpur district. PTI

'West has failed to pressure countries to isolate Russia'

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

All attempts by the West to pressure friendly countries to isolate Russia have failed, Russian Defence Minister General Sergei Shoigu said at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers meet on Thursday and expressed gratitude to member states for their "principled position and support".

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was willing to establish dominance in the Asia-Pacific region due to which it was integrating groupings like the Quad and the AUKUS into the military alliance, he said.

"The West's countermeasures for developing multilateralism could be evidently observed in the Asia-Pacific region. There, the U.S. paved the way to disintegration of existing regional security system... The NATO is willing to establish dominance in Asia-Pacific region, that is why

Sergei Shoigu

QUAD and AUKUS is integrating into the NATO," General Shoigu said in his address.

In this regard, he said the SCO's independent policies concerning regional and global security challenges could set an example for international community. "We believe it is important to strengthen the role of SCO as one of the pillars of the new multipolar international system, a model of inter-state relations based on equality and mutual respect."

He claimed that the weapons supplied to Ukraine ended up in the black market and then in the hands of terrorists.

Wrestlers' stir gets political heft as Opposition leaders extend support

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Political support for the ongoing protest by wrestlers against former Wrestling Federation of India chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh widened on Friday, with several Opposition parties, including the Trinamool Congress, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), expressing solidarity with their cause.

Former Haryana Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh had met the protesters at the Jantar Mantar on Tuesday. His son, Deepender Hooda, followed suit on Friday. Mr. Deepender hit out at Sports Minister Anurag Thakur and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president P.T. Usha for "failing" to get justice for the wrestlers.

CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat also went to the protest site on Tuesday in a sharp departure from January, when the wrestlers, then staging a similar sit-in, requested her to leave the dais saying they did not want their protest to get politicised.

While several politicians took to social media on Friday to back the wrestlers, some landed up at the protest site in person. Among them were Trinamool MPs Dola Sen and Aparupa Poddar, who visited the site in the evening after party chief and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee tweeted in the morning demanding that the "guilty" must be brought to book "irrespective of their political affiliation". "We must all stand with the wrestlers who are protesting... Our sportspersons are the pride of our nation. They are champions. The guilty must be brought to book, irrespective of their political affiliation...," she tweeted.

AAP leaders and Delhi Cabinet Ministers Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj also met the protesters and took aim at Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Modi*ji*, you should be ashamed. If our daughters who bring

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>
> **SITARAM YECHURY**
> CPI(M) general secretary

respect to the country have to protest on the streets, then not even a single daughter is safe under your rule. Stop standing with rapists," Ms. Atishi said, assuring the wrestlers that the AAP, the Delhi government, and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal would fight alongside them.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury tweeted against the Delhi Police's reticence in filing a sexual harassment FIR against the wrestling federation chief. "These are Olympian wrestlers who have done India proud. We have applauded, hailed & feted them when they won medals & brought India glory. It's a shame that we cannot deliver them Justice," he said. RLD leader Jayant Singh also weighed in, tweeting, "Our top wrestlers were on the streets in January and should have been heard when they first spoke about abuse. P T Usha's comments [that the protest amounted to indiscipline] in poor taste!"

CPI leader and Rajya Sabha MP Binoy Viswam issued a scathing letter to Sports Minister Anurag Thakur questioning the government's commitment to its slogans of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" and "Khelo India". "The treatment being meted out to them is sure to discourage our younger generations from taking up sports," he wrote.

Mr. Thakur, in Leh to attend the Y-20 pre-summit meeting, said he had met the wrestlers and formed a probe committee. "More woman members were included in the committee for the ease of women wrestlers. We asked IOA to form an ad hoc committee to look into day-to-day affairs of WFI," he said.

U.S. concerned over illicit technology procurement by Russia for war, says official

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

The U.S. is looking closely at export controls of technology companies around the world, including in India, in order to ensure that Moscow doesn't "backfill" technology needed for manufacturing weapons during the Ukraine war, a senior American official said on Friday.

Speaking ahead of the first India-U.S. Strategic Trade Dialogue due to be held next month in Delhi, the official said that compared to its concerns over China's military appropriation of dual-use technology, the U.S. shares a "common security outlook" with India and has an ease of cooperation comparable to NATO partners.

"We are looking at companies around the world being used by Russia to facilitate its illicit procurement, the items that the 39 economies have cut off from export to Russia, they're still trying to get them to use in their war machine," Thea Rozman Kendler, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), said.

"We're particularly concerned about that. So, we are working with partners all over the world to make sure that Russia isn't using them to backfill the technology," Ms. Kendler said.

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EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF AUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE					CONSOLIDATED				
		Three Months Ended			Year Ended		Three Months Ended			Year Ended	
		31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2022	31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1.	Total income from operations	21350.20	19214.18	20997.13	90908.27	60474.29	21350.20	19214.18	20997.13	90908.27	60474.29
	Other Income	1.78	1.95	6.46	15.12	16.23	1.78	1.95	6.47	7.19	10.31
	Total Income	21351.98	19216.13	21003.59	90923.39	60490.52	21351.98	19216.13	21003.60	90915.46	60484.60
	Total Expenditure	19964.34	19029.87	19636.60	86114.69	58658.88	19964.35	19029.86	19636.67	86114.70	58658.94
2.	**Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)**	1387.64	186.26	1366.99	4808.70	1831.64	1396.26	187.51	1374.49	4806.42	1841.25
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1387.64	186.26	1366.99	4808.70	1831.64	1396.26	187.51	1374.49	4806.42	1841.25
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1004.19	142.95	994.42	3533.81	1342.42	1012.81	144.20	1001.92	3531.53	1352.03
5.	**Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]**	990.89	142.95	1017.66	3520.51	1365.66	999.41	144.20	1025.42	3518.13	1375.53
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value - ₹ 10 each)	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)				5882.01	2391.28				6076.13	2587.78
8.	Securities Premium Account				250.04	250.04				250.04	250.04
9.	Networth				6280.96	2790.23				6475.08	2986.73
10.	Paid up Debt Captial / Outstanding Debt (Bonds / Debentures) excluding Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares				1585.00	2730.00				1585.00	2730.00
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares (50,00,00,000 {2022:50,00,00,000} Non-Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of ₹ 10 each) (Not listed)				500.00	500.00				500.00	500.00
12.	Debt Equity Ratio				0.67	3.31				0.65	3.09
13.	Earnings Per Share (of ₹. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)										
	(i) Basic (₹ / share)	67.44	9.60	66.78	237.31	90.15	68.01	9.68	67.28	237.16	90.80
	(ii) Diluted (₹ / share)	67.44	9.60	66.78	237.31	90.15	68.01	9.68	67.28	237.16	90.80
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve				1000.00	700.00				1000.00	700.00
15.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio				2.39	2.43				2.39	2.44
16.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio				17.30	6.66				17.29	6.69

Note:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. The same is also available on the company's website www.cpcl.co.in

Place : Chennai
Date : April 27, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Rohit Kumar Agrawala
Director (Finance)
DIN: 10048961

Karimnagar Smart City Corporation Limited
Karimnagar, Telangana

KSCCL intends to tender the following projects under Smart Cities Mission in Telangana e-procurement platform https:karimnagarcorporation.telangana.gov.in
Quotation request for Elevation work at Construction of SPV Office, integrated Command Control Center Cum DRF Office Building., Various electrical items at Development of Tower circle Rejuvenation & Ancillary works for Development of Sports Complex at Dr B R Ambedkar Stadium in Karimnagar under Smart Cities Mission. NIT No. / KSCCL/2023-24 Dated 2023

SL.No.	Description	Date
1.	Bid doc download start date & time	29.04.2023 3 P.M.
2.	Last date & time for submission	08.05.2023 5 P.M.

DIPR.R.O.No. : 110-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2023-24
Sd/-
Managing Director, KSCCL

KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION e-TENDER

ABRIDGED NIT

The **CMHO (Health Department), KMC** invites quotation online item rate two bid system for the following work:
NIT No. : KMC/CMHO/03/2023-24 **Dated : 27/04/2023**
Name of work : **Operation and Maintenance (O & M) and Overall Management of established Modern Abattoir for Buffaloes including construction of meat processing unit and a bone rendering plant and its operation & maintenance**. Anticipated Cost: **Nil**. Earnest Money: **30,00,000.00.** Last date of submission of bid: **22.05.2023** till **2 p.m.** The other details are available on and from **28.04.2023** from the website : **https://etender.wb.nic.in**
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KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED -E-TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Tirur, Malappuram
E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_572474
PAC - Rs.1,35,72,214/-, Last date:24.05.2023, 05.00pm

Office of the Chief Engineer, (Civil-Dam Safety &DRIP), Pallom, Kottayam
E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_572470
PAC - Rs.1.36 Crores/-, Last date: 26.05.2023, 12.00pm

Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Adimaly, Idukki
1) E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_573538_1
PAC - Rs.1,37,59,059/-, Last date: 20.05.2023, 04.00pm
2) E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_573544_1
PAC - Rs.1,67,14,442/-, Last date: 22.05.2023, 04.00pm
3) E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_573551_1
PAC - Rs.1,51,31,590/-, Last date: 24.05.2023, 04.00pm

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Ref - PR/MC1/E410/E-Tender/2023

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E - TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive Of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram..				
1.	Road ID 185 (MRT Road)	2023_SCTLT_552621_3	Rs.1,66,77,152	03/05/2023
2.	Road ID 31A (Keezhe Thampanoor Road)	2023_SCTLT_551304_2	Rs.3,20,36,478	03/05/2023
3	Road ID 180 & 181 (Kamukuvilakom Road and Ankalamman Nagar)	2023_SCTLT_551497_2	Rs.3,51,84,212	03/05/2023
4	Road ID 100 (Justice Sankaranarayana Street)	2023_SCTLT_551252_3	Rs.2,64,00,214	03/05/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**

(Sd/-) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd

INBRIEF

Pancholi cleared of abetment charges in Jiah Khan's death

The special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court on Friday acquitted actor Sooraj Pancholi in case of actor Jiah Khan's abetment of suicide in 2013, due to paucity of evidence. He has been out on bail since 2013. The court told Jiah's mother Rabiya Khan that she can appeal against the acquittal in Bombay High Court. "No doubt, it is an unfortunate incidence that the young girl has committed suicide. The available evidence on record reflects that the deceased was a victim of her sentiments...she could not overcome her sentiments and her love for the accused, for which the accused cannot be held responsible," Special Judge A.S. Sayyed reasoned.

SC quashes case against Punjab ex-CM Badal, his son

The Supreme Court on Friday quashed cheating and forgery charges against the late Parkash Singh Badal two days after he passed away. A Bench led by Justice M.R. Shah, in a judgment, said the criminal proceedings against Badal and his son Sukhbir Singh Badal before a Hoshiarpur court in Punjab was an "abuse of process of law" and a "fit case for quashing the entire proceedings". Justice Shah observed that the facts of the case did not contain any of the ingredients of the offences under which the Badals were charged. The case pertains to allegations that SAD had submitted a false undertaking to seek recognition from the EC.

SC rejects plea on transfer of Sena assets to Shinde group

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a plea seeking a direction to the Maharashtra government that all party assets of the Shiv Sena being held by the Uddhav Thackeray faction be transferred to the group led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. A Bench of Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice P.S. Narasimha questioned the locus of petitioner Ashish Giri, a lawyer, and dismissed his plea.Mr. Giri said a plea has been filed in the top court as it has heard petitions relating to the feud between the two factions."What kind of petition is this and who are you? Your request cannot be entertained," the Bench said. PTI

CITU, farmer outfits condemn ban on postal unions

Central trade unions and farmers' organisations on Friday condemned the Centre's decision to de-register the All India Postal Employees Union and the National Federation of Postal Employees. The unions were de-registered for making contributions to the farmers' protests and the CITU as well as for buying books from the CPI(M) office in Delhi. The Centre was urged to revoke the decision immediately. The CITU termed the move as "vindictive anti-trade union action" and "patently draconian" action of the Centre to "silence the opposition of workers and employees to its destructive and anti-worker policies".

Govt. mulls unified airport security akin to TSA in U.S.

Jagriti Chandra
Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Along the lines of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the U.S., the Union government is considering the creation of a unified security force for all airports in the country that will also combine immigration and customs.

The concept has received a green flag from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. At the annual Director General of Police conference on January 20 and 21, he instructed that a proposal be finalised, multiple officials confirmed to *The Hindu*.

'Seamless security'
At the conference, a presentation on transport security included deliberations on various measures for civil aviation security. Discussions were also held about expanding the scope of an Indian TSA-like force to include security for sea and land ports, as well as roads and highways.

In his address at the 37th Raising Day of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on Thursday, Civil Aviation Secretary Rajiv Bansal said that the participants at the two-day conference must deliberate over "the move to a TSA-based concept across all 148 airports, which will grow to 220 airports in the next three to four years. We should have a seamless security system."

While the Central Industrial Security Force is deployed at 66 out of the current 148 airports to carry out security functions, State police oversee security at the remaining airports.

Growing system
"In a fast growing aviation market, we need a robust system. But today, coordination with a multitude of agencies becomes difficult.

Keeping a watch: At present, the Central Industrial Security Force is deployed at 66 out of 148 airports. AFP

What is envisaged is not only a unified security agency for aviation but also shipping, metro, road, rail and land and sea ports," said a senior official aware of the discussions between the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

If the proposal is finalised, it will entail legislative changes.

The TSA was formed in the aftermath of the 9/11 attack in the U.S. to oversee security for all modes of transportation, such as air travel, passenger rail and intercity bus travel. In India, the proposal comes at a time when the country is pegged to be the third largest aviation market in the world by 2024, and is already the third largest domestic aviation market after the U.S. and China.

It is also the world's fastest growing market at 9%, though it accounts for only 2% of the global passenger traffic – a statistic that is often cited to demonstrate the potential for further expansion in the country. The total number of airports in the country are also targeted to grow from the current 148 to 220 by 2025, and airlines have more than 1,000 aircraft on order.

Integrating functions
One of the officials quoted above said that the move would also help in integrating policy, regulations and implementation by bringing them under one body. Today, for instance, if the BCAS frames regulations for aviation, the implementation body is either the CISF or the airports.

The official rued that airports, which have to procure security infrastructure, have often cited financial constraints and delayed upgradation. The proposal for a unified agency means it will also be tasked to purchase security infrastructure such as X-ray machines and full body scanners.

While the exact contours of the proposal are yet to be finalised, an official explained that the move could result in a merger of the CISF with the BCAS.

One official also said, "The Bureau of Immigration, which works under the Intelligence Bureau of the Union Home Ministry is responsible for immigration checks at airports, sea ports and land borders. But once the TSA is a reality, the immigration functions will also fall under it. All stakeholders should be on a common platform."

Today, the BCAS – the security watchdog for civil aviation – falls under the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The Central Industrial Security Force, which guards the airports, falls under the Ministry of Home Affairs, as does the Bureau of Immigration. The Customs department falls under the Finance Ministry.

PM launches 91 new FM transmitters in 18 States

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the Central government was continuously working for the democratisation of technology in the country.

After inaugurating 91 new 100W FM transmitters across 18 States and two Union Territories via video conferencing, Mr. Modi said, "It is important that no Indian should feel the scarcity of opportunity if India has to rise up to its full potential."

He mentioned about optical fibre connectivity benefiting villages and the cheapest data cost that eased access to information, giving a new push to digital entrepreneurship in villages. Similarly, UPI had helped small businesses and street vendors to access banking services, he said.

On the launch of FM transmitters, Mr. Modi said it marked a significant step in expansion of FM services by the All India Radio.

Underscoring the emotional connection of his generation with radio, he said for him there was an added happiness that he had a relationship with the medium as a host too, referring to the upcoming 100th episode of *Mann Ki Baat*.

Register FIRs against hate speeches even without plaints: SC

Court's order would apply to all those who indulge in hate speech, irrespective of their religion, say Justices K.M. Joseph and B.V. Nagarathna

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday directed States to *suo motu* register FIRs on hate speech incidents and proceed against offenders without waiting for someone to lodge a complaint.

A Bench of Justices K.M. Joseph and B.V. Nagarathna said the court's order would apply to all hate-speech makers irrespective of their religion. The secular nature of the nation has to be protected, the court stressed.

The court even highlighted the penal provisions under which hate speech offenders ought to be booked. They are Sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on the ground of religion), 153B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration), 505 (public mischief), 295A (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

"We direct that States shall ensure that as and

Hesitation on part of police officers to abide by the order would be viewed as contempt.

when hate speech happens, it attracts offences under 153A, 153B, 295A and 505 of the IPC. Suo motu action shall be taken to register cases even if no complaint is forthcoming. Offender should be proceeded against under the law," the Supreme Court ordered, issuing notice to the States.

The Bench ordered Director-Generals of Police in the States to inform their subordinates about the court order so that "appropriate action in accordance with the law will be taken at the earliest".

The court said any hesitation on the part of police officers to abide by the order would be viewed as contempt.

Advocate Kaleeswaram Raj, appearing for senior journalist Sashi Kumar, however, pointed out that free speech should not be snuffed out in the guise of tackling hate speech. "The possibility to curtail even free speech cannot be lost sight of. New draconian laws or preventive measures could create more problems than they resolve... We have enough jurisprudence on hate speech. What is required is rule of law on the ground," he argued.

In October, the court had passed a similar order for the immediate registration of FIRs against people who trigger communal violence with hate speeches. The court, at that point, had found it "tragic what we have reduced religion to" in the 21st century and rued the "climate of hate" in the country. The October order was on the basis of petitions that highlighted occurrence of hate speeches targetting the Muslim community.

IMD predicts more heatwave days for eastern India in May

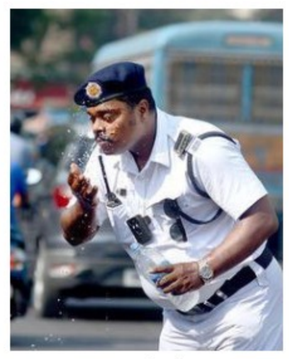
Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

May, generally the hottest month in most of India, is likely to be particularly scorching in large parts of eastern India but Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat – while still sizzling – are likely to see increased rain and limited heatwaves, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

"Normal to above-normal rainfall is expected over northwest India, parts of west-central India and the northern part of peninsular India," the IMD's monthly-outlook statement released on Friday said. "Below-normal rainfall is likely over most parts of northeast India, east-central India and south peninsular."

There will be more than usual heatwave days over Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Gangetic West Bengal, East Uttar Pradesh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, and coastal Gujarat. Heatwaves in these parts do not see mercury levels rise as high as in north and northwest India but greater humidity levels combined with the heat pose a relatively higher health risk.

Rainfall in May is likely to be "normal" or within a 10% window of what's usual for the month, the statement added.



In some parts of India, heatwaves along with humidity is likely to pose a great threat.

"Our current forecasts suggest that there may not be many days of heatwaves in northwest, primarily due to rain," said Mrutunjay Mohapatra, Director-General, IMD.

In April, the IMD indicated a 4% shortfall for the coming monsoon season. Though still categorised as "normal" it is – at 96% of the Long Period Average (LPA) – at the lowest end of what the agency categorises as normal rainfall. The key factor believed to be playing spoilsport this year is the development of an 'El Nino', a cyclical phenomenon of warming in the Central Pacific that is linked to diminished rainfall in west, northwest and western parts of Central India.

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(set by Avtaar)

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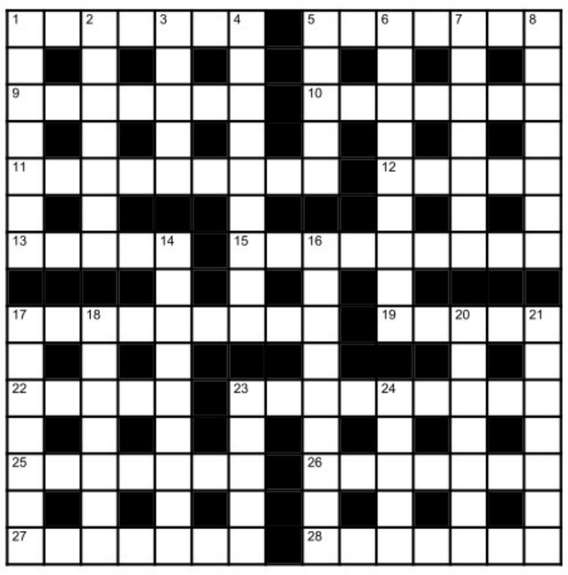

Across
1 Regular member of the old Labour party? (7)
5 Blue sapphire firing heart of bride, maybe? (7)
9 Unproductive investment of tennis legend in America (7)
10 Master furtively leaves Spain with son every 4 weeks or so (7)
11 West of hot old Asian country is shrouding mountain range (9)
12 Robes round screen personality Lovisa Gustafsson (5)
13 What has the highest frequency on mass communication equipment? (5)
15 Keep off Spooner's tie collection (5,4)
17 Assign section to probe hostility asap (9)
19 Queen returns backing introduction of democracy in Tunisia's capital (5)
22 Wherefrom Italy has taken back Asian island (5)
23 Hospital attendants in gold and maroon going around lounges (9)
25 Chiefs of tribes engage local enchanters with text message for charms (7)
26 Remain witty - it helps you sleep well (7)
27 Birds picked up communications in mixed languages (7)
28 Arch-rival is going across India pursuing European adversaries (7)

Down
1 Writer's mother on the radio (7)
2 Doctor made cocktail with ecstasy and hallucinated (7)
3 A lake bearing fish, for example (5)
4 Writers, for instance, participating in struggles after king is deposed (9)
5 Drains water from shoes (5)
6 Ill-treated, angered journalist turned traitor (9)
7 Guru's cautious going into entrance of Advaita Academy (7)
8 Loan shark's hair, shrinking on top (7)
14 One sheltered by ashram built on fringes of Himalayan inclines (9)
16 Flexible about date - can be changed (9)
17 Break pulpits to protect houses (3,4)
18 Tested singular, large diamonds (7)
20 Love for English in upcoming South European capital (7)
21 Verdicts of leaders in recent elections stymied ultras, leaving them shell-shocked (7)
23 Run out of pans for ovens (5)
24 Black ducks go over hill (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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9	8	4	5	6	1	2	3	7
6	7	5	3	2	4	9	8	1
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FAITH

God, the ultimate refuge

The knowledge of understanding that God is the Supreme Being who alone can liberate and worshipping Him will yield us the greatest treasure of salvation is known in scriptures as *jnanath moksha:* If we fail to understand this, we will be in the turmoil of the sea of samsara – *Ajnanath samsara:* Through *ajnana* we commit various sins and mistakes. Saints and savants say that mere folding of our hands (*Anjali*) before Him symbolises that nothing is possible without Him as not even a blade of grass will move without His resolve and we have no other resort except Him and it is called *Aakinchanyam*. Kulasekarazhwar says that a bird was sleeping on top of a ship when it started from the shore. In the midsea it was criss-crossing directionless and finding nowhere the land surface returned back to the ship. We are like the bird. In the Ramayana, sage Vishwamithra cautioned Sri Rama not to be squeamish because she was of the wrong sex and not to scruple to kill the monster Thataka. Metaphorically the slaying of Thataka was linked to dispelling our ignorance, the gashing of Subhahu to destroying our sins and the letting off Mareecha to pardoning us, said Akkarakkani Srinidhi swamy in a discourse.

Swamy Vedhantha Desika says in his praise, 'If you start protecting us, who else can stop, and if you stop to protect who else can save'. (*Twayi-rakshathi-rakshakai: kimanyai:*) Like a cow licking its just-born calf and removing all the impurities from its body, God removes all our sins.

Our ignorance is dispelled, sins are destroyed and we are extended the pardon when we surrender at the divine feet of God.

TAIPEI

China sends 38 warplanes, six Navy vessels to areas near Taiwan

AP

China's military flew 38 fighter jets and other warplanes near Taiwan, the Taiwanese Defence Ministry said on Friday, in the biggest such flight display since the large military exercise in which it simulated sealing off the island earlier in April. Naval vessels were also seen in the area as part of China's campaign of intimidation. AP

PEKANBARU

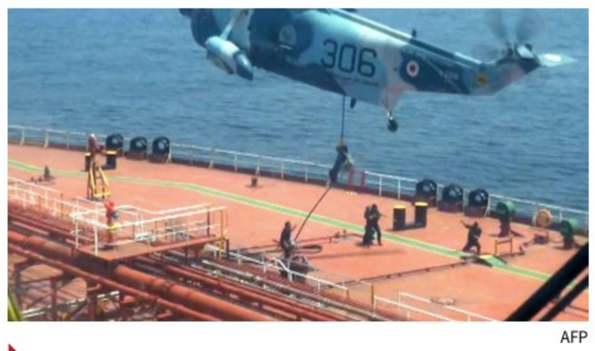
11 killed, one missing as speedboat capsizes in sea in west Indonesia

AFP

A speedboat, Evelyn Calista 01, carrying 74 people including the crew, capsized in rough seas in western Indonesia, killing at least 11 and leaving one person missing, officials said on Friday. Many of the dead were women and children, said Nyoman Sidakarya, chief of the Pekanbaru Search and Rescue Agency. PTI

DUBAI

'24 Indian crew on oil tanker seized by Iran; steps on for their release'



AFP

A U.S.-bound oil tanker seized by Iran off the coast of Oman was carrying 24 Indian crew, the vessel's operator said on Friday, adding it was working to secure their release. Previous incidents show that crew caught up in similar incidents are in "no danger", Advantage Tankers said, after the tanker was seized on Thursday. AFP

ALASKA

Two U.S. Army helicopters crash in Alaska, 3 soldiers killed, 1 injured

AP

Two U.S. Army helicopters collided and crashed on Thursday in Alaska while returning from a training flight, killing three soldiers and injuring a fourth. The Army spokesperson said the cause of the crash was under investigation and more details would be released when they become available. AP

Russian strikes kill 25, Kyiv says offensive almost ready

The barrage of almost two dozen missiles overnight ended a weeks-long pause following the repeated Russian strikes that had aimed to paralyse Ukraine's energy grid during the winter

Agence France-Presse
UMAN

First responders: Rescuers searching for survivors in the rubble next to a damaged residential building in Uman on Friday. AFP

Russian strikes battered cities across Ukraine early on Friday, killing at least 25 people as Kyiv said preparations for a highly-anticipated offensive against Moscow's forces were nearly complete.

The barrage of almost two dozen missiles overnight ended a weeks-long pause following the repeated Russian strikes that had aimed to paralyse Ukraine's energy grid during the winter months.

These deadly new attacks included a strike on a residential block in Uman, central Ukraine, where journalists saw rescue workers extracting victims' remains from destroyed buildings.

Rescuers were using cranes to search for survivors among the remains of the multi-storey housing block in the central city of 80,000 inhabitants.

Ukraine's Interior Minister said 23 people had been killed in Uman, with four children among the dead.

Regional Governor Igor Taburets said the city was hit by two cruise missiles, with one hitting a residential building and the other a warehouse.

'Russian terror'

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky condemned the latest barrage and vowed a response to "Russian terror". Russian missiles also hit the central city of Dnipro, already grief-stricken after a January strike on a tower block that killed more than 40.

The new strikes came as Ukrainian Defence Minister Oleksiy Reznikov said his country's preparations to push back against entrenched Russian positions were almost complete.

Ex-V-P Pence testifies before election probe grand jury'

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Former U.S. Vice President Mike Pence testified on Thursday before a federal grand jury investigating efforts by then-President Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Mr. Pence's appearance before a grand jury in Washington scrutinising the President he once loyally served is a milestone in the Justice Department's investigation. The testimony, confirmed by a person who insisted on anonymity to discuss a secret grand jury matter, came hours after a federal appeals court in a sealed order rejected a bid by Mr. Trump's lawyers to block Mr. Pence's appearance.

BBC Chair quits over links with Boris Johnson loan

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Richard Sharp

British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Chair Richard Sharp has resigned after an independent inquiry found that he created a "potential perceived conflict of interest" when he failed to declare that he helped arrange a loan of up to GBP 800,000 for then U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson in late 2020.

Mr. Sharp was hired into his position at the BBC in January 2021, which involves operational oversight and managing relationships with the government. The report's author, Adam Heppinstall, said that while there was a breach of rules, twice, it did not necessarily invalidate the appointment.

Mr. Sharp, who is a former investment banker and a Tory donor, was a boss of British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, when they worked at Goldman Sachs. At the end of 2020, Mr. Sharp introduced Canadian national Sam Blyth, a distant cousin of Mr. Johnson, to Simon Case, head of the U.K. Civil Service.

Mr. Blyth had earlier expressed interest in acting as a guarantor for a loan for Mr. Johnson, who was going through a divorce and had a baby, and was in a tough financial situation.

On Friday, Mr. Sharp continued to maintain that the breach was "inadvertent and not material" but that he would nevertheless step down as it was "right to prioritise the interests of the BBC". He had said that he believed, erroneously, that his discussion with Mr. Case, had removed any real or perceived conflict of interest.

Questioned on the developments, Mr. Sunak told reporters that he had not seen the Heppinstall report. "There's an established appointments process for all of these things, and it will be right that we turn to that when the time is right," Mr. Sunak said, when asked if Mr. Sharp's replacement should be a non-political appointee.

Mr. Sharp is expected to continue in the position until June.

Heavy battle rages in Sudan despite truce extension

Agence France-Presse
KHARTOUM

Fighting raged in Sudan on Friday, despite rival forces agreeing to extend a truce aimed to stem nearly two weeks of warfare that has killed hundreds and caused widespread destruction.

In the war-ravaged western Darfur region, at least 74 people were killed in just two days of bitter urban battles that broke out this week in the city of El Geneina.

Black clouds rose over the capital Khartoum as foreign nations scrambled to organise mass evacuations of their citizens, with Turkey's Defence Ministry on Friday reporting one of their military transport aircraft had come under fire.

Failed efforts

There have been multiple truce efforts since fighting broke out on April 15 between Sudan's Army led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) commanded by his former deputy and fellow coup leader Mohamed Hamdan Daglo. All have failed.

At least 512 people have been killed and 4,193 wounded in the fighting, according to Health Ministry figures, although the real death toll is likely much higher. Fighting has also spread across Sudan, where witnesses reported intense conflict and looting.

Analysts have warned that conflict could trigger multiple other militias to exploit the chaos and settle old scores.

U.S. wants to de-risk, not decouple, from China, says National Security Adviser

Sriram Lakshman

Jake Sullivan

In a speech that outlined the Biden administration's international economic policy, U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said the U.S. was not looking to decouple from China, but to de-risk from it.

Mr. Sullivan also highlighted the need for World Trade Organization (WTO) reform and said the primacy of tariff reduction as the driving force of global trade agenda was over. He emphasised instead a paradigm where the U.S. was working with its allies to build manufacturing capacity in key sectors and the resilience, via supply chains, to withstand shocks such as climate change, wars and pandemics.

Speaking at the Brookings Institution, a Washington DC-based think tank, on Thursday, Mr. Sullivan echoed European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen's March 30 message on China, by saying, "We are for de-risking and diversifying, not decoupling." He said export controls would remain narrowly focused on technologies that could tilt the military balance.

Managed competition

"We are not cutting off trade," Mr. Sullivan said, adding that there was a record level of trade between the U.S. and China last year. He repeated the Biden administration's position on its China policy of managed competition. "We are not looking for confrontation or conflict," he said. "We're looking to manage competition responsibly and seeking to work together with China where we can," he said.

Mr. Sullivan cited examples to show the U.S. was not only working with other advanced economies but also emerging ones such as India, with which the U.S. was working "on everything from hydrogen to semiconductors", Indonesia, Angola, and Brazil.

He quoted U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai and said the U.S. had not "sworn off trade liberalisation" but suggested that tariff reduction, which he called the main economic project of the 1990s, was over, and that the U.S. was looking at how its trade policy fits with its international economic policy, answering current challenges.

These challenges included creating diversified and resilient supply chains, mobilising investment for a "just" clean energy transition and sustainable economic growth, an agreement on corporate taxation, labour and environmental standards and supporting jobs that supported the middle class.

Mr. Sullivan tried to cast some of more internationally controversial parts of the Biden administration's recent economic policy – such as the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) – in a better light. He described cooperation with Canada and Japan and said that U.S. President Joe Biden and Ms. Van der Leyen had launched talks on supply chains for critical minerals and batteries. "So we are leveraging the Inflation Reduction Act to build a clean energy manufacturing ecosystem rooted in supply chains here in North America, extending to Europe, Japan and elsewhere. This is how we will turn the IRA from a source of friction into a source of strength and reliability," he said.

Committed to WTO

The Biden administration "is still committed to the WTO", he said, adding that its underlying values were threatened by non-market economic practices. He said the U.S. was working with other countries to reform the trading system.

He reiterated the administration's position that the operating model of multilateral development banks (MDBs) , especially the World Bank, needed to be reformed to address climate change, conflict and fragility. "And we're very excited for [incoming World Bank President] Ajay Banga's new leadership at the World Bank to make this vision a reality."

Mr. Sullivan called for debt relief for vulnerable countries, and called on China – the world's largest official creditor – to "step up" and play a constructive role in relief for debt-distressed countries.

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INBRIEF

DLF's rental arm buys 26.43% in Suncloud Solar for ₹8.41 cr.

Realty firm DLF's rental arm DCCDL has bought 26.43% stake in Suncloud Solar for ₹8.41 crore. DLF holds 67% stake in DLF Cyber City Developers, while Singapore sovereign wealth fund GIC has the remaining 33.33% stake. According to a regulatory filing on Thursday, DCCDL, through one of its wholly owned subsidiaries DLF Info City Chennai, has agreed to acquire about 26.43% shares of Suncloud on a cash consideration of ₹8.41 crore. PTI

'Major ports handled highest ever cargo of 795 MT in FY23'

India's major ports handled the highest ever cargo at 795 million tonne in 2022-23, registering an increase of 10.4% over the previous year, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said on Friday. Addressing an event organised by industry body FICCI, the Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister said that major ports recorded the highest ever output per day of 17,239 tonne in last fiscal year, a growth of 6% as compared with 2021-22. PTI

Yulu to unveil EV two-wheeler Wynn in May at ₹55,555

Shared mobility company Yulu said it had opened bookings for its first personal EV two-wheeler Yulu Wynn. The EV will be produced at Bajaj Auto's factory. At a limited period introductory price of ₹55,555, bookings can be made online and deliveries will begin mid-May. After the introductory period, Wynn will be available at ₹59,999. "Wynn will enable everyone to 'Ride their freedom' in their own ways," said Yulu CEO & co-founder Amit Gupta.

Govt. names Mohanty as LIC chairperson and first CEO

Company veteran will helm insurer at a time when it has to cope with intensified competition; LIC faces shareholder scrutiny after its IPO last May; SEBI barred an employee for front-running stock

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on Friday approved the appointment of Siddhartha Mohanty, Managing Director (MD) and interim chairperson, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) as Chairperson till June 29, 2024.

Thereafter, Mr. Mohanty has been named as Chief Executive Officer and MD till June 7, 2025, i.e. up to the date of his attaining the age of 62 years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Taking charge: Mohanty will now take the helm at the insurer and be its first CEO from June 2024 till at least June 2025. REUTERS

Mr. Mohanty, a veteran of the company, which listed in May, will lead LIC at a time when the country's largest insurer has to learn to conduct its business as a publicly owned company answerable to shareholders for its profitability.

Competition from private insurers has also intensified and new chief will have to guard against any adverse fallout from controversies such as investments in the Adani group and ensure adequate oversight of its employees after SEBI this week barred an employee for front-running trades in LIC.

Total assets under management as on December 31 were ₹44.35 lakh crore.

U.S. consumer spending flat in March; core inflation still stays strong

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. consumer spending was unchanged in March, while underlying inflation pressures remained strong, which may see the Federal Reserve raising interest rates again next month.

The unchanged reading in consumer spending, reported by the Commerce Department on Friday, followed a downwardly revised 0.1% gain in February. Consumer spending, which accounts for more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activity, was previously reported to have increased 0.2% in February.

The data was included in the advance GDP report for the first quarter, which showed consumer spending surging at a 3.7% annualised rate after rising at a 1% pace in the October-December quarter.

The economy grew 1.1% as the acceleration in consumer spending was offset by businesses liquidating inventories in anticipation of weaker demand later this year.

Last month's flat reading in consumer spending set consumption on a lower growth path in the second quarter. It likely reflected Americans becoming more averse to higher prices as well as the expiration of a temporary boost to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to cushion low-income families from the pandemic's hardships.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	61,112	0.76
US Dollar	81.82	-0.03
Gold	59,980	-1.86
Brent oil	79.50	2.09

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1924.95	71.90
Adani Ports	681.30	21.55
Apollo Hosp	4513.70	96.20
Asian Paints	2902.35	2.40
Axis Bank	860.00	-21.40
Bajaj Auto	4431.95	23.75
Bajaj Finserv	1354.65	-5.35
Bajaj Finance	6280.10	80.05
Bharti Airtel	799.30	12.80
BPCL	357.60	1.95
Britannia Ind	4553.55	137.70
Cipla	908.05	-5.90
Coal India	233.10	1.35
Divis Lab	3267.90	29.45
Dr. Reddys Lab	4929.85	11.30
Eicher Motors	3301.10	37.55
Grasim Ind	1720.30	18.90
HCL Tech	1064.10	-7.15
HDFC	2775.60	2.70
HDFC Bank	1687.60	6.60
HDFC Life	529.75	11.90
Hero MotoCorp	2558.60	49.95
Hindalco	436.10	5.30
Hind Unilever	2457.30	-11.65
ICICI Bank	917.65	-0.70
IndusInd Bank	1152.80	8.05
Infosys	1252.75	6.50
ITC	425.55	9.55
JSW Steel	725.30	-6.80
Kotak Bank	1938.05	29.45
L&T	2364.40	58.80
M&M	1226.90	2.90
Maruti Suzuki	8589.55	46.60
NestleIndia	21761.40	614.10
NTPC	172.00	1.05
ONGC	158.95	-1.10
PowerGrid Corp	237.25	1.30
Reliance Ind	2420.50	43.45
SBI Life	1140.10	3.05
State Bank	578.30	13.55
Sun Pharma	987.65	8.95
TataConsumer Product	763.85	9.85
Tata Motors	484.95	3.35
Tata Steel	107.95	0.30
TCS	3219.25	31.30
Tech Mahindra	1023.70	20.55
Titan	2641.85	-21.60
UltraTech Cement	7556.20	55.30
UPL	740.30	13.10
Wipro	385.00	10.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on April 28

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.63	81.95
Euro	89.67	90.02
British Pound	101.73	102.14
Japanese Yen (100)	59.99	60.22
Chinese Yuan	11.80	11.85
Swiss Franc	91.14	91.50
Singapore Dollar	61.04	61.29
Canadian Dollar	59.76	60.00
Malaysian Ringitt	18.31	18.38
Australian Dollar	53.74	53.96

Source:Indian Bank

UltraTech Q4 net profit falls 36% due to rising costs

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

UltraTech Cement on Friday reported a 36.1% decline in its consolidated net profit to ₹1,670.10 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2023, mainly due to an increase in input cost.

The company had posted a net profit of ₹2,613.75 crore in the January-March period a year ago.

During the quarter, raw material cost was up 9% YoY on account of increase in the cost of fly ash, slag and gypsum etc," UltraTech said in a statement.

'Most AI pilots have accepted revised pay'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Nearly 90% of cabin crew and a majority of pilots of Air India have accepted the revised compensation package, the airline's CEO Campbell Wilson said in an internal communication to employees.

The message comes at a time when two pilot unions had strongly opposed the revised terms of employment and salary allowances announced last week.

The airline is also on a hiring spree and recently advertised that it will be recruiting 1,000 pilots across its fleet comprising A320, Boeing 777, Boeing 787 and Boeing 737 aircraft as it prepares to induct 470 aircraft over the next 10 years. Its CEO in a recent interview told *The Hindu* that the airline will be hiring 500 cabin crew and 50 pilots every month.

Campbell Wilson

'Centre revamping patent office functioning'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The government is revamping the patent office functioning to reduce the massive backlog in granting official recognition for innovations by adding manpower and changing the legislative framework, said Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the PM's Economic Advisory Council, and a secretary to the government.

The government is fast-tracking the hiring process and promotions of some existing officers, he said.

Govt. moots star rating system for water taps

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Centre is in the process of bringing in a star rating system for water fixtures similar to the ratings for electrical appliances, said D Thara, Additional Secretary, MoHUA (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs) and Mission Director, AMRUT 2.0, on Friday.

The new rating system would have 3, 4 and 5 star water fixtures based on their water efficiency and this rating system would come under one umbrella called Bharat Tap, Ms. Thara said.

"We have now roped in the Indian Plumbing Association and all manufacturers to adopt and promote these standards and bring in water efficient fixtures," she added.

Data showed that on average over 30% of water can be saved. However, there was not enough data available to assist consumers in making informed decisions when purchasing sanitary fixtures.

"We need to start quantifying how much water is wasted in each activity and how it adds to the overall cost of water," she recommended.

CPCL posts ₹1,004 crore standalone net profit for FY23

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (CPCL) posted a standalone net profit of ₹1,004 crore for the year ended March against ₹994 crore in the previous fiscal year. Revenue from operations rose to ₹21,350 crore from ₹20,997 crore.

Throughput was 2.952 MMT corresponding to capacity utilisation of 112%, according to a filing. The company declared a dividend of ₹27 per share.

JioCinema pricing in focus post Warner deal

Reuters
MUMBAI

The video streaming business of Mukesh Ambani is likely to focus on pricing and local content following a deal with Warner Bros as it seeks to lock horns with the likes of Disney and Netflix in India, industry sources said.

Under the content deal announced on Thursday, popular series from HBO and Warner Bros, such as Harry Potter and Succession, will be available from next month on the JioCinema platform, which Ambani's Viacom18 has promoted for weeks by offering popular IPL cricket matches for free.

A pricing strategy for JioCinema is still under discussion internally, an industry source said, but Mr. Ambani has a reputation of disrupting rivals in the price-sensitive Indian market with cheap offers.

Jet Airways CEO-designate Sanjiv Kapoor quits firm

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Jalan Kalrock Consortium that won the bid to restart Jet Airways announced that its CEO-designate Sanjiv Kapoor had quit the company.

After his departure, "the executive committee of JKC will oversee CEO-designate responsibilities until a suitable replacement is in place," the consortium said. The aircraft operator's permit for Jet Airways is set to expire on May 19.

Star Health turns Q4 net profit of ₹102 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd., has posted a standalone net profit of ₹102 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2023, against a net loss of ₹82 crore for the year-earlier period.

During the period under review, Gross Written Premium (GWP) increased by 14% to ₹4,199 crore.

Star Health reported a solvency ratio of 2.14 against the minimum requirement of 1.5, the health insurer said in a regulatory filing.

The retail health premium sector grew by 18% to ₹11,948 crore, while its market share stood at 34% in the Indian general insurance industry.

Star Health announced Anand Roy as its new CEO & MD from May 5, while V. Jagannathan will assume the role of non-executive chairman.

"When Star Health insurance was started, the concept of stand-alone health insurance was unheard of and health insurance penetration was extremely low," said Mr. Jagannathan adding that they have achieved this objective.

Sport

Newcastle closes in on Champions League qualification spot with big win over Everton

EURO LEAGUES

Associated Press
LIVERPOOL

After scoring 10 goals in four days, Newcastle is closing in on Champions League qualification in some style – and quicker than the club's Saudi ownership might have expected.

A finish in the Premier League's top four looks increasingly likely for Newcastle following a 4-1 win at Everton on Thursday.

In third place and with an eight-point cushion to the teams battling to keep in touch with the top four, surely Newcastle will be joining Manchester City and Arsenal in Europe's top competition next season.

In sparkling form: Wilson fires in Newcastle's third against Everton. REUTERS

Manchester United is the favourite to be the fourth English team to reach the Champions League but a second-half collapse at Tottenham on Thursday gave the chasing teams – including Spurs – some hope.

Jeered by their fans at 2-0 down at halftime, Tottenham's players recovered to draw 2-2 and regain some pride from that dismal performance at Newcastle that marked one of the darkest days in the London club's recent history. It was so bad that the team offered refunds to fans who traveled to the game.

Tottenham is up to fifth place, on goal difference, and leads the chasers behind fourth-place United, which is six points clear with seven games to play.

The battle to avoid relegation is even closer, although last-place Southampton looks doomed after a dispiriting 1-0 home loss to south-coast rival Bournemouth.

That left the Saints, who have been in the Premier League since 2012, six points from safety with five games left.

Everton stayed in next-to-last place after the thrashing by Newcastle and has only won one of its last 10 games under Sean Dyche, whose appointment hasn't had the impact many might have expected.

A big game is coming up on Monday against third-from-bottom Leicester, with one point separating the teams. Whoever loses would be in real trouble.

The results: Premier League: Everton 1 (McNeil 80) lost to Newcastle 4 (Wilson 28, 75, Joelinton 72, Murphy 81); Southampton 0 lost to Bournemouth 1 (Tavernier 50); Tottenham 2 (Porro 56, Son 79) drew with Manchester United 2 (Sancho 7, Rashford 44). **LaLiga:** Villarreal 4 (Capoue 53, 90+2, Parejo 63, Jackson 80) bt Espanyol 2 (Puado 45, Joselu 73); Valencia 2 (Diakhaby 60, Guerra 90+3) bt Real Valladolid 1 (Larin 6); Athletic Bilbao 0 lost to Sevilla 1 (Ocampos 90+2-pen).

Rezoana wins Asian under-18 400m

Sports Bureau

Rezoana Mallick Heena broke the eight-year-old meet record of Bahrain's former World champion Salwa Eid Nasser as she won the girls' 400m gold at the fifth Asian under-18 athletics championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on Friday.

The 16-year-old from Nadia in West Bengal, coached by Arjun Ajay in Bengaluru, clocked 52.98s (old meet record 53.02s) which made her the world's fastest under-18 quartermiler this year and the fastest Indian woman this season. She also bettered former Asian silver medallist Jisna Mathew's under-18 National record (53.14s, 2015).

Rezoana with her reward. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tamil Nadu's Abinaya Rajarajan clocked a personal best 11.82s while grabbing the girls' 100m silver in 11.82s. Bahrain's Lalya Kamal took the gold in 11.77s.

In the boys' section, India won bronze medals through Sandeep Vinodkumar Gond (110m hurdles, 13.80s) and Babendra Singh (10,000m race walk, 43.16.95s).

LIVE TELECAST

FIH Pro League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 10.30 a.m.

World Chess championships: FIDE & Chess.com YouTube channels, 2.30 p.m. onwards.

ATP Madrid Open: Sony LIV, 2.30 p.m.

Badminton: Asia individual C'ship, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 p.m.

IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 3.30 & 7.30 p.m.

Pakistan vs New Zealand: 2nd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 4 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5 & 7.30 p.m.

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Sunday).

Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 7 & Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10 p.m.

AFC Group Stage Play-off: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 p.m.

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday).

BOUNDEN DUTY

KKR stumper Litton Das flies back home for family emergency

Bangladesh wicketkeeper-batter Litton Das has flown back home to attend a family emergency and will not be available for Kolkata Knight Riders upcoming IPL matches. “He had a family medical emergency for which he had to fly back to Dhaka this morning. There is no update on his return yet,” a Knight Riders official said.

CLEAR MANDATE

I try to get a good start and give the team momentum, says Saha

Gujarat Titans’ wicketkeeper-batter Wriddhiman Saha says he has the mandate to play freely and looks to contribute to a win. “I always tried to give a good start. I am happy if I give the team momentum. I may score 50, 70 or 25. If the team wins, I’m happy,” said Saha, on eve of the match against Kolkata Knight Riders.

HARD WORK

Have been consistently putting in the effort, says Jaiswal

RR batter Yashasvi Jaiswal's knock of 77 (43) played a crucial part in the victory over CSK at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium. "It is not about just this season, I have been putting in the effort with the team management and I keep speaking to senior players like Dhoni sir and Virat bhai.," Jaiswal said after the match.

DUBIOUS RECORD

Rayudu becomes the fourth player to score a duck as Impact Player

CSK’s Ambati Rayudu once again came in as an impact player but again failed to make runs against Rajasthan Royals. Rayudu was dismissed by R. Ashwin. With this, Rayudu became the fourth impact player — after Prithvi Shaw (twice), Anukul Roy and Nehal Wadhera — to lose his wicket without opening his account.

Super Giants bury Kings under an avalanche of runs

Mayers, Stoinis and Pooran flay the Punjab attack as Lucknow amasses 257, the second highest in the IPL behind RCB’s 263; Yash Thakur delivers with the ball as Dhawan’s men fall way short

IPL-16

S. Dipak Ragav
MOHALI

Lucknow Super Giants’ overseas batters Kyle Mayers (54, 24b, 7x4, 4x6), Marcus Stoinis (72, 40b, 6x4, 5x6) and Nicholas Pooran (45, 19b, 7x4, 1x6) put on a sensational exhibition of T20 batting to catapult their side to a mammoth 257 for five against Punjab Kings at the I.S. Bindra Stadium on Friday.

Super Giants’ total was just six short of the highest score in the IPL (263 for five, RCB vs. Pune Warriors, 2013) as it defeated Kings by 56 runs.

Chasing a gargantuan total, Punjab lost skipper Shikhar Dhawan in the first over. Only Atharva Taide put up a fight, slamming a 36-ball 66 (8x4, 2x6).

His knock contained elegant shots square of the wicket on the off-side apart from scoops and reverse sweeps.

Taide and Sikandar Raza (36) added 78 for the third wicket, but once they fell, the chase fizzled out. Seamer Yash Thakur took four for 37.

All aggro: Once Mayers provided the platform, Stoinis and Pooran turned it into a run-fest for Lucknow. Yash Thakur took a four-for to seal Kings’ fate. R.V. MOORTHY

Rollicking start

Earlier, asked to take strike on a belter of a pitch for the batters, Super Giants got off to a rollicking start with Mayers smashing the Kings bowlers to all parts of the ground as 74 came in the PowerPlay.

Before this contest, Super Giants had come under criticism for their conservative approach.

On Friday, there was a dramatic shift in the way K.L. Rahul’s men approached their innings.

Mayers wasted no time going after the bowlers as he slammed Arshdeep Singh for four boundaries in the second over.

After a square-drive and a pull, Mayers hit one past Arshdeep, forcing the bowler to take evasive action. It was a sign of things to come for the Kings bowlers.

In the next over, the West Indian went after debutant Gurnoor Brar, hitting the young pacer for a six and four over mid-wicket before going after off-spinner Sikandar Raza.

The left-hander raced to his half-century off just 19 balls, lofting Kagiso Rabada down the ground for a six. After Mayers’ dismissal, Ayush Badoni (43, 24b, 3x4, 3x6) and Stoinis ensured that Super Giants didn’t lose momentum, adding 89 off 47 balls for the third wicket.

Stoinis kept finding boundaries at will as he often shuffled across the crease to target the leg-side fence. Along with Pooran, the Australian forged a 76-run alliance off 30 balls for the fourth wicket.

Pooran’s finishing prowess came to the fore as he began with three successive fours through covers off Liam Livingstone and played some power-packed shots down the ground. Super Giants’ incredible batting display and comfortable win helped them climb to second in the table.

SCOREBOARD

LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS

K.L. Rahul c Shahrukh b Rabada 12 *(9b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Kyle Mayers c Dhawan b Rabada 54 *(24b, 7x4, 4x6)*, Ayush Badoni c Rahul Chahar b Livingstone 43 *(24b, 3x4, 3x6)*, Marcus Stoinis c Jitesh b Curran 72 *(40b, 6x4, 5x6)*, Nicholas Pooran lbw b Arshdeep 45 *(19b, 7x4, 1x6)*, Deepak Hooda (not out) 11 *(6b, 2x4)*, Krunal Pandya (not out) 5 *(2b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-6, w-5, nb-4): 15; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 257.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-41 (Rahul, 3.2 overs), 2-74 (Mayers, 5.5), 3-163 (Badoni, 13.3), 4-239 (Stoinis, 18.2), 5-251 (Pooran, 19.4).

PUNJAB KINGS BOWLING

Gurnoor 3-0-42-0, Arshdeep 4-0-54-1, Rabada 4-0-52-2, Sikandar 1-0-17-0, Rahul Chahar 4-0-29-0, Curran 3-0-38-1, Livingstone 1-0-19-1.

PUNJAB KINGS

Prabhsimran Singh **(Impact Player in place of Gurnoor)** c sub (Sams) b Naveen 9 *(13b, 2x4)*, Shikhar Dhawan c Krunal b Stoinis 1 *(2b)*, Atharva Taide c & b Bishnoi 66 *(36b, 8x4, 2x6)*, Sikandar Raza c Krunal b Yash Thakur 36 *(22b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Liam Livingstone lbw b Bishnoi 23 *(14b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Sam Curran c Badoni b Naveen 21 *(11b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Jitesh Sharma c Rahul b Yash Thakur 24 *(10b, 3x6)*, Shahrukh Khan c Bishnoi b Yash Thakur 6 *(9b)*, Rahul Chahar c Hooda b Yash Thakur 0 *(1b)*, Kagiso Rabada b Naveen 0 *(1b)*, Arshdeep Singh (not out) 2 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-4, w-7, nb-2): 13; Total (in 19.5 overs): 201.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-3 (Dhawan, 0.5), 2-31 (Prabhsimran, 3.4), 3-109 (Sikandar, 11.3), 4-127 (Taide, 12.6), 5-152 (Livingstone, 15.2), 6-178 (Curran, 16.6), 7-192 (Jitesh, 17.5), 8-193 (Chahar, 17.6), 9-197 (Rabada, 18.4).

SUPER GIANTS BOWLING

Stoinis 1.5-0-21-1, Mayers 1-0-4-0, Badoni 0.1-0-0-0, Naveen 4-0-30-3, Avesh 2-0-28-0, Mishra **(Impact Player in place of Mayers)** 2-0-23-0, Bishnoi 4-0-41-2, Yash Thakur 3.5-0-37-4, Krunal 1-0-13-0.

Toss: PBKS.
PoM: Stoinis.
Super Giants won by 56 runs.

Next assignment

PBKS: April 30 **vs. CSK**
Chennai, 3.30 p.m.

LSG: May 1 **vs. RCB**
Lucknow, 7.30 p.m.

Points Table

	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Rajasthan Royals	8	5	3	10	0.939
Lucknow Super Giants	8	5	3	10	0.841
Gujarat Titans	7	5	2	10	0.580
Chennai Super Kings	8	5	3	10	0.376
Royal Challengers Bangalore	8	4	4	8	-0.139
Punjab Kings	8	4	4	8	-0.510
Kolkata Knight Riders	8	3	5	6	-0.027
Mumbai Indians	7	3	4	6	-0.620
Sunrisers Hyderabad	7	2	5	4	-0.725
Delhi Capitals	7	2	5	4	-0.961

After the PBKS-LSG match on April 28

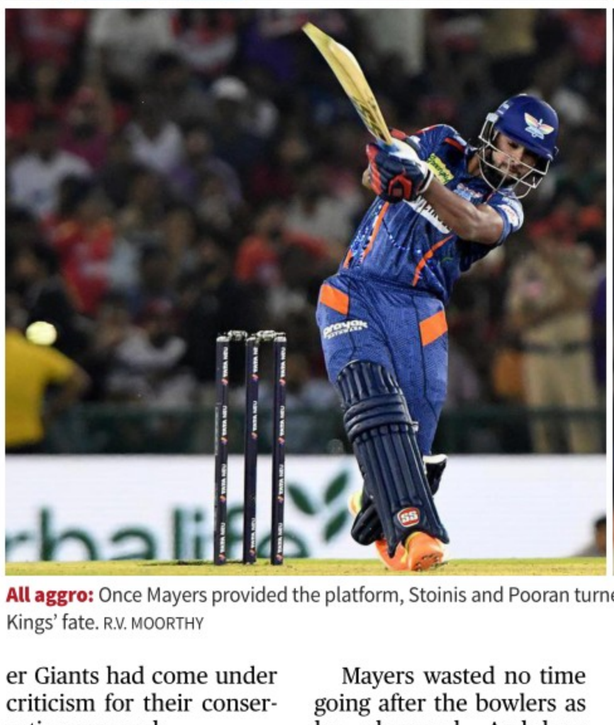
Fascinating battle on the cards between Knight Riders and Titans

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Following its second win over Royal Challengers Bangalore, a confident Kolkata Knight Riders will be keen to repeat its complete domination over another opponent, Gujarat Titans, when it hosts the defending champion in an afternoon engagement at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday.

KKR batters’ fine showing, resulting in two 200-plus totals, at the Eden – which has witnessed at least one aggregate in excess of 200 – should motivate the Nitish Rana-led side.

The memory of Rinku Singh hammering Yash Dayal to outsmart GT in Ahmedabad should also boost KKR.



Reposing faith: Hardik would look to his pacers Shami and Mohit to come good against KKR and put Titans on top. K.R. DEEPAK

Excellent form

Opener Jason Roy’s excellent form and Venkatesh Iyer, Rana and Rinku’s good touch with the bat should assure KKR, which is trying to stay in the playoffs race.

Sunil Narine, Varun Chakravarthy and Suyash Sharma’s spin is KKR’s major weapon.

After beating Lucknow Super Giants and Mumbai Indians, Gujarat Titans will try to further strengthen its position among the leading sides.

The in-form Shubman Gill and Wriddhiman Saha at the top and captain Hardik Pandya, Vijay Shankar and David Miller in the middle make GT’s batting formidable.

GT’s bowling – with Mohammed Shami and Mohit Sharma in pace and Rashid Khan and Noor Ahmad in spin – is well-armed.

GT will also look to put KKR under pressure with its fielding.

Today’s matches

Kolkata, 3.30 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 2
KKR 1 | GT 1

PREVIOUS MEETING
KKR won by **three wickets**, 2023

Delhi, 7.30 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 22
DC 11 | SRH 11

PREVIOUS MEETING
DC won by **seven runs**, 2023

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1 (SD & HD) & JIO CINEMA APP

Momentum with Capitals against fellow-struggler Sunrisers

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Delhi Capitals and Sunrisers Hyderabad, the least-performing teams of this season’s Indian Premier League, face-off for the second time in five days in what could well decide the last team among the also-rans.

Woefully out of form at the halfway stage of the league, these teams have four points after losing five times. The momentum is with the Capitals which eyes a hat-trick of wins. Sunrisers will be looking to escape a fourth loss on the bounce and with it, swapping places with Capitals at the bottom of the table.

Gameplan anyone? Capitals’ skipper Warner leads a discussion among the players on Friday. PTI

After a narrow seven-run victory in a low-scoring match against Sunrisers, Capitals has reasons to be optimistic. However, their batting woes remain. Loss of at least two wickets in the PowerPlay continues to be a major worry. Repeatedly, skipper David Warner appears as the only batter who has put a price on his wicket.

The bowling looks a shade better with Ishant Sharma and spinners Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav raising their game. But the overall inconsistency continues to be a worry.

Sunrisers, hit by the unavailability of Washington Sundar for the rest of the season due to a hamstring injury, too, will be looking at its batters to come good. In the last two defeats, the team managed only 134 and 137.

The bowlers are also low on confidence. Though Bhuvneshwar Kumar was the most economical among the seven bowlers seen against the Capitals, he did not get any support from the rest. Pacers like Marco Jansen, T. Natarajan and Umran Malik are struggling for form.

No wonder, skipper Aiden Markram appears as helpless as Warner.

INBRIEF

Zaman's ton takes Pakistan to victory over New Zealand

Opener Fakhar Zaman's ninth ODI century (117, 114b, 13x4, 1x6) took Pakistan to a five-wicket win over New Zealand in the first ODI in Rawalpindi on Thursday.

The scores: New Zealand 288/7 in 50 overs (Daryl Mitchell 113, Will Young 86) lost to Pakistan 291/5 in 48.3 overs (Fakhar Zaman 117, Imam-ul-Haq 60, Babar Azam 49, Mohd. Rizwan 42).

Leclerc edges out Verstappen for Azerbaijan GP pole

Charles Leclerc beat Max Verstappen in qualifying for the Azerbaijan Grand Prix on Friday to end Red Bull's streak of pole positions in Formula One this season. It will be the third consecutive pole for Leclerc here. Leclerc and Verstappen had the exact same time midway through the final session of qualifying before both improved on their final runs, with Leclerc going faster by 0.188 seconds in his Ferrari. "The car was good, it was really good," Leclerc told the team over the radio. Red Bull had been on pole and won all three races so far this season. Verstappen's Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez was third, ahead of Carlos Sainz Jr. in fourth for Ferrari.

Sri Lanka crushes Ireland to sweep Test series

Ramesh Mendis took five wickets on Friday as Sri Lanka thrashed Ireland by an innings and 10 runs in the second Test. The hosts swept the two-match series in Galle 2-0, recording their 100th Test win.

The scores: Ireland 492 & Ireland 202 in 77.3 overs (Andy Balbirnie 46, Harry Tector 85; Ramesh Mendis 5/64, Asitha Fernando 3/30) lost to Sri Lanka 704/3.

Wrestlers welcome FIR but demand Brij Bhushan's arrest

The protesters, insisting their struggle will continue till then, thank other sportspersons for their support and request them to give voice to those unable to come out in other sports as well.

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

United front: Wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik address the media on Friday.
SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The Delhi Police's submission on Friday assuring registration of an FIR against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh did little to satisfy the protesting wrestlers who insist they will continue till the former WFI chief is arrested even as the matter continued to drag into the sixth day with no sign of letting up.

"We thank the Supreme Court for its directions, this is the first step towards victory for us but it does not mark the end of our protest. We will continue to sit here and, talk to our elders and then decide the way ahead," Sakshi Malik categorically said.

The former Wrestling Federation of India president has been accused of sexual harassment with seven women wrestlers including a minor filing a petition.

Lack of trust

"We do not trust Delhi Police. It has taken us six days sitting here for them to just agree to filing an FIR," Vinesh Phogat, one of the main faces of the protest, said.

"They can still water down the charges and file a loose *(sic)* FIR so we will wait and watch what happens, what sections are included by the police.

"Our demand was to ensure he was out of the system and we will continue to ask for it.

"I also appeal to the PM on moral grounds to remove him from all posts, whether WFI or as MP because unless that happens, there will not be a fair investigation. We only trust the SC for justice," she added.

Thanking sportspersons for their support on social media, the wrestlers requested them to also get down on the ground and give voice to those unable to come out in other sports as well.

"This fight is not for FIR or elections but to ensure punishment to such a person. We don't want the efforts of all those international and Olympic medallists to go in vain.

"The complaints we have submitted should have been enough to at least file an FIR. We have already given evidence to earlier committees but now we will only go before the SC," Vinesh said.

The spate of political supporters continued to arrive at the protest site cutting across all parties and organisations including *khaps* and farmer organisations.

No big deal

Bajrang Punia explained that with Singh's criminal record, an FIR was no big deal.

"He is the president of the federation and the highest authority. If he does something like this, where will an athlete go to appeal?

"You can see the list of cases against him, how does one more FIR make any difference? Our protest will continue till he goes to jail," he declared.

Asked about SC directing Delhi Police to do threat assessment and provide security, Bajrang welcomed the decision.

Need security

"We all need security – those who have complained and those who are sitting on protest here." He (Singh) is running out of options and can get anything done to save himself. But that doesn't scare us into giving up, we will stay put here," he stated.

ANI reports from Lucknow

Brij Bhushan, meanwhile, said that he has full faith in the judiciary. "I have full faith in the judiciary. I am not running anywhere.

"I will cooperate with Delhi Police. Whatever the Supreme Court decides, I will follow it."

Satwiksairaj-Chirag duo in semifinals

BADMINTON

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DUBAI

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty breezed past the third-seeded Indonesian pair of Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawn 21-11, 21-12 in just 28 minutes to make the men's doubles last four in the Badminton Asia Championships here on Friday.

Earlier, P.V. Sindhu squandered a game lead to go down 21-18, 5-21, 9-21 against An Se Young of Korea in the women's singles quarterfinals.

Eight seed H.S. Prannoy too bowed out in quarterfinals after conceding his match midway against Kanta Tsuneyama of Japan. Prannoy was trailing 11-21, 9-13 when he retired due to an injury.

Earlier in the day, mixed doubles qualifiers Rohan Kapoor and N. Sikki Reddy battled hard before losing 18-21, 21-19, 15-21 against Dejan Ferdinansyah and Gloria Emanuelle Widjaja of Indonesia.

The results (quarterfinals):
Men: Kanta Tsuneyama (Jpn) bt H.S. Prannoy 21-11, 13-9 retd.
Doubles: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty bt Mohd. Ahsan & Hendra Setiawn (Ina) 21-11, 21-12 .
Women: Ane Se Young (Kor) bt P.V. Sindhu 18-21, 21-5, 21-9.
Mixed doubles: Dejan Ferdinansyah & Gloria Emanuelle Widjaja (Ina) bt Rohan Kapoor & N. Sikki Reddy 21-18, 19-21, 21-15.

Gurjoat keeps himself in the hunt

SHOTGUN WC

Sports Bureau

Gurjoat Singh Khangura slipped a bit, but kept himself close to the top after four rounds with a score of 97 in men's skeet in the shotgun World Cup in Cairo on Friday. After two perfect rounds on the opening day, Gurjoat shot 24 and 23 on the second day.

Erik Pittini of Italy led with 100, but he was not in contention for the knockout stage as he was competing in the RPO section.

Seven others led on 98. One more round on Saturday will see the top eight qualifying for the semifinals. Anant Jeet Singh Naruka shot 96, but Mairaj Ahmad Khan was in the 78th spot among 108 with a score of 88, following rounds of 19, 24, 21, 24.

In women's skeet, Ganemat Sekhon totalled 92 following a series of 24, 23, 22 and 23. Jiang Yiting of China led with 99, while seven others were on 94.

Maheshwari Chauhan (91) was in the 21st place, while Darshna Rathore slipped to 34th with 88.

Sujit, Antima run to glory in 5000m

Sports Bureau

Sujit Tikoda (Maharashtra) and Antima Pal (Uttar Pradesh) won the men's and women's 5000m on the opening day of the National junior (u-20) Federation Cup athetic meet in Tiruvannamalai on Friday.

The results: Men: 5000m: 1. Sujit Tikoda (Mah) 14:32.49s, 2. Shivaji Parashu Madappagom (Kar) 14:32.79, 3. Naresh Gupta (Raj) 14:33.13; **shot put:** 1. Siddharth Choudhary (Raj) 19.11m, 2. Jaidev Dikka (Del) 18.20, 3. Devendra Kumar Pandey (UP) 17.30.
Women: 1500m: 1. Laxita Vinod Sandilea (Guj) 4:26.48s, 2. Ruhi Bohra (Del) 4:27.26, 3. Huidrom Bhumeshwory (Man) 4:30.28; **5000m:** 1. Antima Pal (UP) 16:47.49s, 2. Bushra Khan Gauri (MP) 16:59.05, 3. Sonam Chaudhary (UP) 17:433.22; **pole vault:** 1. Nitika Anup Akare (MP) 3.50m, 2. A. Deepika (TN) 3.40, 3. Bhavya Jain (MP) 3.20.; **shot put:** 1. Vidhi (UP) 14.77m, 2. Jyoti Vaishnav (Raj) 13.32, 3. Yashshree (Raj) 13.19.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Sivasakthi with his prizes.
TWITTER/BENGALURUFC

Double delight for Sivasakthi at BFC's annual awards night

N. Sivasakthi was chosen Bengaluru FC's Emerging Player of the Season at its Annual Awards Night held on Thursday. The 21-year-old scored 11 goals across the Durand Cup and the Indian Super League in the 2022-23 campaign.

The awards: Top-scorer: N. Sivasakthi (11 goals); **Players' Player of the Season:** Roy Krishna; Fans' **Player of the Season:** Javi Hernandez; **Goal of the Season:** Sunil Chhetri (free-kick against Kerala Blasters in the ISL knockout match); **BFC-B Player of the Season:** Robin Yadav; **Emerging Player of the Season:** Sivasakthi.

Sandeep slots two in Guru HC's victory

S. Sandeep scored a brace as Guru HC defeated Ideal Sports Academy-B 5-3 in the Travancore Cup hockey tournament here on Friday.

The results: Guru HC 5 (Ankit Goud 17, Subramanyam 22, Ranjit 29, S. Sandeep 39, 43) bt Ideal Sports Academy-B 3 (Hemanth 7, Shiva Surya 32, 33); Bangalore United HC 2 (Govind 31, 38) bt Naveen HC 1 (Lokesh 48).

Vineet bats well in KCC Gurukul's facile win

Vineet Patil top-scored with 97 as KCC Gurukul thrashed Gopalan by 187 runs in the Tiger Cup under-12 cricket tournament here on Friday.

The scores: KCC Gurukul 271/5 in 30 overs (Vineet Patil 97, Deep 74, Niraj 28, Rajveer 3/35) bt Gopalan 84 in 24.2 overs (Krishav Karthik 25, S. Miteesh 3/11).
CCE 188/7 in 30 overs (Mohit 62, Kishan 25) bt RCA Mysore 172/7 in 30 overs (M. Revanth 43, Vihaan 32).

Yasin advances

Yasin Khan defeated Sagar Gururaj 3-2 (59-31, 74-49, 52-58, 51-60, 63-42) in a first round match of the Bangalore Snooker Academy tournament here on Friday.

Manoj stars for DYES Bangalore

Manoj scored 28 points as DYES Bangalore edged GST & Customs 70-67 in the State A-division basketball league championship on Friday.

The results: MNK Rao Park BC 78 (Kaushik 18, Ajin 16) bt IBBC 77 (Yeshwanth 20, Adarsh 13); DYES Bangalore 70 (Manoj 28, Akshay 15) bt GST & Customs 67 (Dheeraj 40, Atesh 11); Young Orions SC 72 (Gautham 22, Pratham 15) bt Southern Blues BC 46 (Gowda 16, Ganesha 12).

Nagal dumps Houkes, enters Rome Challenger semifinals

INDIANS ABROAD

Sports Bureau

Qualifier Sumit Nagal sailed into the semifinals with a 7-5, 6-0 victory over Dutchman Max Houkes in the €73,000 Challenger tennis in Rome, Italy.

In the $25,000 ITF women's event in Nottingham, Britain, Rutuja Bhosale reached the semifinals with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 win over Johanne Christine Svendsen of Denmark.

The results: $160,000 Challenger, Seoul: Quarterfinals: Arjun Kadhe & Purav Raja w/o Denis Kudla & Thai-Son Kwiatkowski (USA). **€73,000 Challenger, Rome: Quarterfinals:** Sumit Nagal bt Max Houkes (Ned) 7-5, 6-0. **Doubles: Quarterfinals:** Viktor Durasovic (Nor) & Fernando Romboli (Bra) bt Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni 7-6(3), 4-6, [10-8]. **$25,000 ITF men, Jakarta, Indonesia: Quarterfinals:** Digvijay Pratap Singh bt Liu Hanyi (Chn) 6-3, 6-3. **Doubles: Semifinals:** Ray Ho (Tpe) & Parikshit Somani bt Francis Casey Alcantara (Phi) & Pruchya Isaro (Tha) 6-7(5), 7-6(1), [10-1]. **$15,000 ITF, Monastir, Tunisia: Men: Quarterfinals:** Nikita Ianin & Aziz Ouakkaa (Tun) bt Chirag Duhan & Aleksi Lofman (Fin) 7-6(4), 6-3. **Women: Quarterfinals:** Lisa Mays (Aus) bt Vaishnavi Adkar 6-2, 6-2. **$100,000 ITF women, Charlottesville, USA: Quarterfinals:** Jessy Rompies (Ina) & Prarthana Thombare bt Hiroko Kuwata (Jpn) & Yuriko Lily Miyazaki (GBr) 6-4, 7-5. **$40,000 ITF women, Calvi, France: Semifinals:** Eselle Cascino (Fra) & Ankita Raina bt Beatrice Gumulya (Ina) & Peangtarn Plipuech (Tha) 4-6, 6-4, [10-3]. **$25,000 ITF women, Nottingham, Britain: Quarterfinals:** Rutuja Bhosale bt Johanne Christine Svendsen (Den) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Hockey coach Fulton takes charge

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

New India men's hockey chief coach Crag Fulton took charge on Friday, meeting Hockey India officials here in the morning before flying to Bengaluru and joining the ongoing preparatory camp at the SAI Centre.

The 48-year-old South African Fulton, the FIH Coach of the Year in 2015, has been given charge till the Paris Olympics but will have his first big test at the Asian Games later this year.